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WAKEFIELD TAKES THE HELM AS SHERIFF

Shawn Kraycs appointed to Undersheriff position

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

After receiving correspondence from four interested individuals, a committee of three named Kirk Wakefield to the position of interim Sheriff following the early retirement of Sheriff David Lovely.

Probate/Family Court Judge John Hunter, Crawford County Clerk/ Register of Deeds Sandra Moore and County Prosecutor John Huss met before the public at the county courthouse on February 20 to discuss the applicants, allow them to speak briefly, and announce a decision.

Besides Wakefield, applying for the position was Grayling Police Officer Tim Coe; retired Fraser Police Officer and former Macomb County Sheriff Department employee Norman Spinelli; and Rande Johnson, a Crawford County Jail inmate.

Spinelli's letter to Moore was received by the February 15 deadline, but was not announced publicly until the meeting on February 20. Moore said she found the letter on her desk on Tuesday, February 19, after returning from the

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Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Seated in the sheriff's office is new interim Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, appointed last week by local officials. He has served as undersheriff since 1995. With him is new Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs who was a deputy with the department and served most recently as the high school's juvenile liaison officer.

County, Court seek help to solve fiscal dispute

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

A dispute between Crawford County and the Honorable Chief Judge Alton Davis of the 46th Circuit Trial Court began in 2000 shortly after a new funding formula for the Court was implemented. After nearly two years of discussion between the parties, a stalemate has developed and the State of Michigan has been asked for help to resolve the matter.

According to county records and documents, Otsego County took over in 2000 as the financial Control Unit for collection and disbursement of the operational funds of the court. Prior to 2000, the cost to the counties was based on the number of cases each county generated.

An implementation order that year consolidated court personnel under the court's authority and apportioned the costs to the counties based on SEV (State Equalized Value). As a result, 44% of funding comes from Otsego County, 32% from Kalkaska County and 24% from Crawford County. All three counties agreed to the formula and signed resolutions stating so, putting the schedule into effect.

In addition to the new funding percentages, the court proposed a

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Sentencing or mistrial: What's next in CSC case?

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Arguments are expected to continue Friday, March 8 at 9 a.m. over a request for a mistrial in the criminal sexual conduct (CSC) case of former local teen center owner, Michael Tironi.

Tironi, now age 40, was found guilty by a jury in late November 2001 on one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct and additional counts of providing alcohol to minors stemming from an incident involving an 18-year old man, which occurred in late July 2000. Tironi faces up to 10 years in prison on the criminal sexual conduct charge.

The case is in the hands of the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Trial Court. He adjourned the sentencing when the court learned there may have been cause to dismiss one of the jurors.

Kalkaska County Prosecutor Brian Donnelly will argue against a mistrial citing his belief the juror was able to hear the case and make a decision objectively. Defense attorney Patrick Fragel is expected

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Winter Wolf Triathlon gets under way



Photo by Caleb Casey

Jon Webb starts toward the Rayburn Property from Ray's Canoe Livery on Saturday during the start of the 2002 Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon. Paddlers left from Ray's one at a time in 15-second intervals. The event, which drew over 25 participants, included paddling on the AuSable, then snowshoeing at Rayburn's, and finally a cross country ski event at Hanson Hills. Webb finished second overall in this year's Winter Wolf Triathlon, about four minutes behind winner Bill Torongo. For more on this event, and other Winter Fun Days festival activities, see Page 3A.

150,000 frequent flyer miles raised

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The call went out in the February 14 edition of the *Avalanche* to help make a dying man's dream come true. According to The Dream Foundation, the response was tremendous.

Our readers were asked to donate their frequent flyer miles to help send 23-year old Scott Stade and two family members to Walt Disney World in Florida. Dream Foundation President Thomas Rollerson said 150,000 miles were donated as a result of the article.

Unfortunately, Stade, who suffers from Metastatic Melanoma, is too ill to make the trip. According to his mother, Diana "Dee" Kotrash, Stade's health is deteriorating rapidly. The miles donated in his name will now be used to help fulfill the dreams of others.

Kotrash said the community has been very supportive. She has received unsolicited donations from various sources to help with her son's care and expenses. She becomes teary-eyed just talking about it.

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Wakefield takes the helm as sheriff

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Presidents Day three-day weekend. Spinelli, who makes his home in Beaver Creek Township, did not attend the meeting but sent word ahead of time that he would be unable to attend.

Coe and Wakefield both spoke briefly regarding their desire to serve the community in the capacity of sheriff. Then the committee proceeded through the formalities of the special meeting. They voted unanimously in favor of Wakefield who has served as the Undersheriff since 1995 and has been with the department for a total of 15 years.

Sheriff Wakefield was sworn in by Judge Hunter immediately after the decision was made. Before leaving the courthouse, Coe gave Wakefield a congratulatory handshake and said, "I'll see you in August."

Wakefield has chosen Shawn Krayes, a deputy with the department, to serve as his Undersheriff. Krayes has most recently served as the Grayling High School Resource or Juvenile Liaison Officer. His position is being filled temporarily by Deputy Paul Smith. Sheriff

Wakefield said Smith has 29 years of law enforcement experience including many years dealing with youths. He is currently involved extensively in the youth group program at his church.

At its regular meeting earlier that morning, the County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution allowing the interim sheriff to hire an undersheriff and confidential secretary.

The only stipulation is that the pay for these individuals not exceed what the county has budgeted for the year.

Since last Wednesday when he was appointed sheriff, Wakefield said morale in the department has been high. "I will promote camaraderie in the department," he said because "serving the people of Crawford County in a professional manner is paramount... treating people right is number one."

Wakefield said he will focus on keeping the department healthy -- financially, physically and mentally. He said the public can be assured that all grant programs are being kept up to speed.

"Everyone knows the financial

state of this county. There is no money tree outside my window," he said, "and we will do everything in our power to provide the best public safety for the county within our budget."

Sheriff Wakefield's door is open to everyone. "People should feel free to call or stop in. I prefer talking face to face when something needs discussion. But, people must remember, I like the truth," he said. "Sometimes people don't like to hear the truth. I just want to let everyone know I deal best with the truth."

Under Wakefield's guidance, the department will continue to be part of mutual aid to other counties and law enforcement agencies, including the anti-drug group STING. Wakefield is currently developing a program to enlist the help of local senior citizens to ensure that age group's needs are fulfilled. The new sheriff plans, with the help of Undersheriff Krayes, to enhance anti-drug and alcohol programs to all levels of the school district, including taking DARE to the high school level.

Krayes said there are some partic-

ular problems in the district that need to be addressed, one being kids abusing prescription drugs. He said parents really need to keep an eye on prescriptions taken by members of the household. "It's not an epidemic, but some kids are taking drugs to school from home. It's something parents really need to watch to avoid a possible tragedy," Krayes said.

He said he will miss the kids at the high school, but is really excited about the opportunities serving as undersheriff will bring. "I have always been, and continue to be, very interested in community programs that are kid-based," Krayes said, and looks forward to continuing his work with school administrators of whom he spoke very highly.

Wakefield and Krayes will serve as sheriff and undersheriff until the November 6 general election when a new sheriff will be chosen by the voters. Wakefield plans to run, but so far County Clerk Moore said no one has filed for candidacy as of press time.

Candidates have until May 14 to file their intentions.

County, Court seek help to solve fiscal dispute

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new health benefit policy. Among the benefits proposed were enhanced Michigan Employees' Retirement System (MERS) benefits and health care insurance for court personnel and their spouses, upon retirement from the court.

At its August 2000 meeting the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was given a written explanation for health and retirement insurance programs. There were several questions about unfunded liability. Judge Davis told the Board the contract would defuse any problems.

Court Administrator Rudi Edel advised that the judge had placed safeguards in the proposal with annual reviews of the benefits budgeted by the counties and the court. The Board voted to accept the health benefit package, but to delay the implementation of the MERS upgrade.

In September 2000, Judge Davis sent Crawford County a copy of the proposed contract regarding "the retirement health benefits we have

discussed." Among the proposals, the counties would contribute a total of \$50,000 to the Retirement Health Account to be administered by the Chief Financial Officer of the Control Unit.

The fund would be reviewed annually by the comptrollers of each county involved and the Chief Judge of the court. A Joint Management Council, yet to be established, would have review and audit powers.

The contract also would give the Court, through its Chief Judge, "the absolute right and authority to change benefits and terms of coverage for either or both categories of eligible recipients as the Chief Judge from time to time determines to be necessary and appropriate to meet changed circumstances."

The Crawford County Board refused to sign the contract until an audit could be done to evaluate the costs engendered in the contract. The County consulted several experts who thought the projected costs given by the court were too optimistic. Auditors recommended

the county not enter into this agreement in its present form. Their concerns were expressed to Judge Davis.

As of November 2000, the County still had not signed the contract. On December 4, 2000, Judge Davis signed Implementation Order #2000-11 for the reorganization and change of the Court's retirement and health benefits. On December 18, 2000, Crawford County asked for mediation. Mediation with the Michigan Association of Counties began in June 2001.

In January 2002, Judge Davis gave Crawford County 30 days notice to pay the \$138,571 he says Crawford County owes Otsego County for the administration of the 46th Circuit Trial Court, according to the resolution, signed in 2000. The deadline has been extended to 60 days.

Crawford County has responded by saying it owes nothing and is seeking to resolve the issue with the Court.

County Controller Paul Compo said a check was issued February 20

for over \$81,000 to cover the 2001 4th quarter billing from the court. Over \$57,000 has not been remitted to the court on the basis that the county believes the court went over its budget during the 2001 3rd quarter. Compo said a lot of the problems in determining the county's share stems from Crawford utilizing an October 1 to September 30 fiscal year, while Otsego and Kalkaska operate on a January 1 to December 31 budget year.

The County Board has also contended they have no way of accurately determining how much 24% of the court's budget will be when those numbers are set in Otsego County after Crawford has already determined its county budget for the year.

The court has presented statistics to the Board which it says shows the court has actually saved money for the county, even though its costs continue to rise.

Meanwhile, the State Treasury Department has been called in to audit the finances of all three counties to determine the court's net cost.

Zilwaukee Bridge to Close March 1

The Michigan Department of Transportation will begin routine work on the Zilwaukee Bridge in Saginaw County on Friday, March 1. The work will require traffic to be detoured on I-675 until mid-May. The bridge will have its current expansion joints removed and replaced with new ones.

"We want to make sure the Zilwaukee Bridge continues to perform as well as it has since it opened

in 1988," said State Transportation Director Gregory J. Rosine. "This routine replacing of expansion joints will ensure it continues to perform well for the next 20 years."

The current expansion joints are the original ones that were in place when the bridge opened in 1988. The joints allow the bridge to expand and contract without damaging the concrete deck. The new joints are a newer type that should

last 20 years before needing to be replaced. The 24 expansion joints, 12 each on northbound and southbound, range from 65 to 80 feet in length.

Traffic will be detoured to I-675 through Saginaw for the duration of the project. Traffic will be able to use the M-84 and M-13 exits between the southern I-675 interchange and the Zilwaukee Bridge. The detour will add about two miles to the trip on I-75. Motorists should plan extra time for the detour and consider alternate routes where possible, especially motorists coming from the south who might want to consider either I-96, M-21 or M-57 to US-127 in Lansing.

"We wanted to minimize the inconvenience to motorists on this project," said Bay Region Engineer Kirk Steudle. "Scheduling the work during the months with the lowest traffic volumes on I-75 and using an expedited construction schedule with penalties for late completion were the best way to accomplish that."

This \$3.8 million project was funded through Governor John Engler's Build Michigan II plan and TEA-21.

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She has stood by her son fighting his battle with cancer since he was 18 years old, and all possible treatments have been tried.

A benefit dinner is planned Sunday, March 3 at the Sawmill in Grayling to help the family with Stade's expenses. The dinner will start at 12 noon and run until 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 a plate. For more information, contact Debbie V. home at 348-0474 or work at 348-3010.

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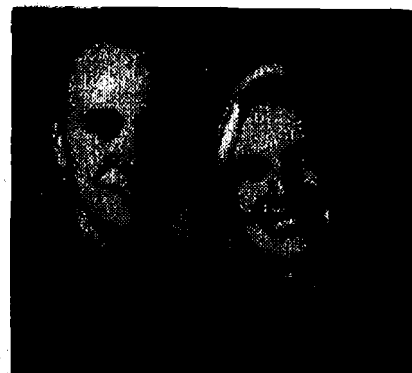
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Winter fest features ski, snowboard events

► 'Big Air' and giant slalom events conducted during Winter Fun Days

Young skiers and snowboarders took to the slopes at Hanson Hills on Sunday, February 24, for the Winter Fun Days festival's "big air" and giant slalom competitions.

The festival featured a "big air" (jumping) contest for both skiers and snowboarders, and both skiers and snowboarders also ran the slalom course in separate competitions.

Winners, by division, included:

(Place, Name)

SKI, GIANT SLALOM

Division 1

1 Bradley Biggs

2 Hannah Smith

Division 2

1 Mike Olson

2 Avery Biggs

3 Cassie Pizzi

Division 3

1 John Handy

2 Allyson Diola

3 Dustin Pizzi

Division 4

1 Eric Thompson

2 Damian Fleishman

3 Chris Hodges

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Division 1

1 Bradley Biggs

2 Zach Wolcott

3 Cameron Wakeley

Division 2

1 AJ Brackenburg

2 Mike Olson

3 Jason Wilson

Division 3

1 Dave Fleishman

2 Ryan Feldhauser

3 Wade McGregor

Division 4

1 Damian Fleishman

2 John Handy

3 Eric Thompson

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Division 1

1 Laura Brackenburg

2 Eric Ferrigan

Division 2

1 David Lawe

2 Mike Davis

3 Mike Barr

Division 3

1 Dougie Slater

2 Erik Olson

3 Billy Weaver

Division 4

1 Mason Palmer

2 Justin Fenn

3 Matt Lorenson

SNOWBOARD, BIG AIR



Photos by Caleb Casey

Justin Fenn competes in the "big air" snowboarding event at Hanson Hills on Sunday.

Division 1

1 Laura Brackenburg

2 Eric Ferrigan

3 Joseph Cottingham

Division 2

1 Mike Davis

2 Davis Lawe

3 Mike Barr

Division 3

1 Dougie Slater

2 Billy Weaver

3 Matt Krajenska

Division 4

1 Erik Olson

2 Chris Burden

3 Rob Robare

Over 20 athletes compete in annual triathlon

► Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon held during Winter Fun Days weekend

On Saturday, February 23, over 20 athletes competed in the 2002 Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon – an annual event that includes paddling on the AuSable River, snowshoeing at Rayburn's, and cross country skiing at Hanson Hills. This year's triathlon was held in conjunction with the Grayling Recreation Authority/Hanson Hills Winter Fun Days Festival.

The winner of this year's Winter Wolf Triathlon main event was Bill Torongo. Jon Webb took 2nd, Doug Van Meter placed 3rd, and Steve Seager was 4th.

Sarah Cockrell had the best women's division time, with Lynne Witte coming in just behind her. Chris Seager placed 3rd in the women's division and Ellen Thompson was 4th.

Chuck Brenner won the individual "fun" challenge, and Onna Ingvarsson took 2nd place.

The final results for the 2002 Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon individual event are, listed by division, as follows:

(Overall Place, Combined Time, Name)

Individual Challenge

WOMEN

Classic

18 1:42:01 Samara Sabin

Junior

14 1:37:35 Cassie Webb

Master

9 1:29:52 Sarah Cockrell

10 1:30:51 Lynne Witte

12 1:34:53 Chris Seager

13 1:37:07 Ellen Thompson

21 1:58:11 Amy Wilks

22 2:00:37 Janet Stuhlmann



Sarah Cockrell starts the first leg of the Winter Wolf Triathlon on Saturday. Cockrell placed 1st in the women's division overall.

MEN

Classic

3 1:14:33 Doug Van Meter

6 1:17:04 Robert Smith

11 1:31:14 Randy Stueve

15 1:40:17 Mason Palmer

16 1:41:46 Randy Strerig

17 1:41:59 Paul Lagermann

19 1:43:47 Armand Lawrence III

20 1:53:48 Michael Hunter

Master

1 1:10:27 Bill Torongo

2 1:14:15 Jon Webb

4 1:15:57 Steve Seager

5 1:16:51 Fred Mills

7 1:18:32 Larry Kanaby

8 1:24:53 Dragan Olajdzija

23 3:00:00 Carlton Coats

Individual Fun Challenge

WOMEN

Classic

2 1:44:34 Onna Ingvarsson

4 1:48:18 Sara Williams

MEN

Classic

1 1:39:12 Chuck Brenner

Master

3 1:46:52 Thomas Morneau

5 1:57:09 Mark Austin

Gray Rock wins chili cook-off

The winning chili in this year's Winter Fun Days annual chili cook-off was submitted by the Gray Rock Cafe.

Mercy Hospital's entry took second place, and Holiday Inn finished third in the competition.

The contest was held on Sunday, February 24, at the Main Lodge of Hanson Hills during Winter Fun Days weekend. Festival visitors got to taste all the chilis and cast votes for the winners.

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Two winning designs will be chosen from all entries submitted. The contest is open to all kids who reside in Crawford County and are under 13 years of age.

Winners will cut the ribbon at a ceremony scheduled for 12 noon, Friday, March 15 at the new library on Plum Street in Grayling. Their bookmarks will be used as the official bookmarks of the new library during its first year in operation. Runners-up will receive a free kids' meal at Spike's Keg O'Nails.

One entry is allowed per person. Kids and parents can pick up a bookmark design entry form from the child's teacher or from any Crawford County branch library location.

Hurry, though, the deadline for entry is this Friday, March 1. Don't

forget to put your name, address, grade and telephone number on your entry and good luck!

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Peaceful mourning doves kick up big ruckus

THERE'S NOTHING like a question about hunting or fishing or the great outdoors to stir up ruckus in the Michigan legislature.

The last few years, that role has been aptly played by one of the usually most peaceable creatures around -- the mourning dove.

The question at hand: Should mourning doves be considered fair game to be fair game? This is, can doves be legally hunted and shot?

Wisconsin recently made mourning doves a legal target, joining Indiana, Ohio and 30-plus other states where dove hunting is legal.

Michigan's ban goes back 96 years and has been challenged frequently since then.

The question zipped to the fore a year ago, when Rep. Susan Tabor, Republican from Delta Township in suburban Lansing, pushed a bill to

make dove hunting legal. It passed the House and fell a single vote short in the Senate.

Meanwhile it kicked up a mountain of controversy. After its failure, critics claimed political pressure got to weak-hearted legislators up for election killing the dove bill.

UNDAUNTED, REP. TABOR was set to try again last fall, and the pro-dove, anti-hunting forces started to gather steam again, when a broader approach sponsored by Rep. Cameron Brown, Sturgis Republican, appeared instead.

The Brown bill seeks to transfer the right to designate legal game to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC), a seven member citizen group appointed by the governor.

Rep. Brown professed his bill merely advocates game manage-

ment by professionals instead of elected officials, but it is widely seen as a back door attempt to legalize dove hunting.

The NRC in 1987 decided to legalize dove hunting, but the courts ruled that power belonged only to the legislature. The Brown bill would change that.

And the battle is set to rage again. Opposition includes the Audubon Society, Humane Society, Songbird Protective Coalition, among others. The pro-hunting side is equally vociferous if somewhat less organized.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST hunting doves include the peaceful nature of the bird, our backyard friends should not be shot, a dove is too small to provide satisfactory food, living creatures should not be

destroyed simply as sport, why change the rules after 90-plus years.

Pro-hunters claim doves that would be hunted brief fall season are not the backyard variety, doves put meat on the table, tourist dollars leak to Ohio and Indiana instead of staying home, doves provide a great hunting challenge, they're prolific and have a short natural life span anyway.

To the claim that hunting peaceful birds is not adequately challenging to the hunter, outdoor columnist Eric Sharp (who openly favors hunting doves) in a recent *Detroit Free Press* article provided this rejoinder:

"If you're going to ban any form of hunting because it's not manly, I suggest we start with deer. The hard truth is that come the annual firearms season, the Michigan woods have no shortage of lardbutts

whose idea of hunting is to loaf in a blind near a bait pile and hope a deer stumbles by."

ARGUMENTS ON both sides seem persuasive, so it's tough for someone not deeply ingrained to form independent judgement.

I'm one of those who delights in watching mourning doves raise their young near our kitchen window, and enjoy their company while I'm sipping coffee on our back porch. If hunters must shoot small birds, I agree with those who would send them crows, not doves.

But I'm also one who generally backs a scientific approach to game management. If the experts say let's hunt doves, that's okay with me.

It's better to let the professionals make the decisions than to entrust it to elected politicians, many of

whom are under-informed on the issue and are eager only to please the interest group which shouts the loudest.

It was always thus in the Michigan legislature, according to my memory of watching goings-on in Lansing for several decades.

Taxes and education are vastly more important legislative decision, but few things stir the hinterlands with more heat and less light than an issue involving hunting or fishing or the outdoors.

Mourning doves prove that's still true.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

It's better late than never

To the editor,

When I was a young boy, living in Pennsylvania, I was forced to drop out of school to help support my family. Despite my lack of formal education, as an adult I was involved in public service, and effectively performed as a School Board President, a Township Supervisor, and the Mayor of one of Michigan's larger cities. However, it was always my desire to finish school and receive my high school diploma.

In the fall of 2000, I read an advertisement in the *Avalanche* for the Crawford AuSable School District stating that "It's never too

late to obtain your High School Diploma." So, at the age of 86, I enrolled in and completed the G.E.D. program. It was very difficult trying to complete four years of high school subjects in one year and even after passing all of the various tests, I was two points short of the requirements to receive my diploma. On Monday, February 11, 2002, the Board of Education presented me with an honorary high school diploma in recognition of my determination to complete the GED program and my prior life experience and years of public service.

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lowing individuals, I might not have ever reached my goal:

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The ladies and gentlemen of the Board of Education of Crawford

AuSable Schools who presented me with the honorary high school diploma at their public meeting.

And all the persons present at the Board of Education meeting on February 11. Your wonderful response and applause made the evening one my family and I will never forget.

I highly recommend the program to anyone who has a desire to complete his or her high school education. As an 87-year-old recent high school graduate, I suggest that the advertisement might read "It's better late than never!"

Anthony Dobry
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

by The Crawford County Library Board of Trustees

To: Residents of Crawford County

The Crawford County Library Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to inform you, the people of Crawford County, of the progress and state of the Crawford County Library.

The building of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library is nearing completion. The anticipated date of moving into the new building is early March with public use to begin Friday, March 15, following a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon. The official dedication will be held Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m. We invite all citizens of Crawford County to participate in both events.

We are very excited about our new library building and are pleased that we are ahead of schedule for completion of this project. This is due largely to the excellent daily supervision of the owner's representative, Ed Parks. He has contributed his time, efforts, and expertise to make this library one which the community will use with pride. The diligent work of our architectural firm, contractors, interior designer, many committees and volunteers, and Friends of the Library have put in many hours, which has contributed to the early completion.

As we move into the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, we are looking forward to bringing you an enormous amount of wonderful books, programs, and services for adults, young adults, and children, as well as many computers for public use. Our new Library Director, Edward Elser, and the staff are working to increase and enhance the services offered. We are excited about the possibilities a director with an enhanced degree will bring to our library system.

The most recent budget cuts now impacting Michigan will also affect your local libraries as we face this reduction of funds. The main source of income which our local library board has for operating, staffing, and equipping the library is money which it receives from penal fines through the county court sys-

tem and interest from savings on deposit with the county.

Most public libraries statewide have been affected by the decline of penal fines. We have been severely affected by this, and during the last fiscal year the library suffered a \$30,000 loss in penal fines. In addition, interest income is down drastically.

The state has reduced our state aid by four percent. According to our state economic experts, we can expect to face the same revenue constraints in the future. Decisions as to how we will deal with reduced revenue are one of many priorities for the coming year. The library receives no funds from the county board. The Library Board is working diligently to maintain its fiscal responsibility.

If you wish, you may assist by participating in the eScrip program at Glen's and at many other merchants throughout Michigan and the nation. The group ID number for the Crawford County Library is #34047.

This is an exciting time for our community with the improvements being done to our library system: the main library in the city of Grayling, as well as the three branch libraries located in Lovells, Frederic and Beaver Creek Township. Hopefully, you will take advantage of this wonderful resource within our community.

The willingness of the community to vote for a bond millage, and the generous donations of many individuals and groups, have been gratefully received for the goal of providing a wonderful library for Crawford County.

Let this also serve as a reminder that the main library will be closed March 4-14. However, all branch libraries will remain open their regular hours during this time to provide continued library service to our residents.

Your Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. We invite you to attend. Your continued interest in the library is very much appreciated.

Mercy stands firm on Eden approach

To the editor,

On behalf of Mercy Hospital, I apologize that the public has expressed misconceptions about the efforts at Mercy Manor to integrate the care of pets into the lives of our residents. It is clear from recent letters to the editor that we need to provide continued education to the community regarding our commitment to offering a unique, quality environment for our residents.

Nursing homes nationally, as well as Mercy Manor, have adopted the philosophy and commitment in caring for residents known as the "Eden Alternative." In nursing homes, residents may feel lonely because they have been uprooted from their family, friends and even their pets. Helplessness and hope-

lessness can be frequently experienced because they have lost control of their lives and feel bored. The activities available to them aren't seen as meaningful or fulfilling. With the Eden approach, the presence of pets, animals and children is introduced into the residents' daily lives in order to reduce helplessness, loneliness and boredom.

Mercy Hospital recognized that nursing homes needed to change their philosophies toward resident care. In years past, nursing homes which offered the most up-to-date equipment, a dedicated staff and a spotless inspection record, couldn't offer what many of the residents needed the most.

We, at Mercy, believe wholeheartedly that our residents at Mercy

Manor have a higher quality of living due to our philosophy of incorporating "life" into our facility. It is demonstrated by our residents enjoying the beautiful gardens surrounding the facility, helping with caring for the animals, or having a voice in activities and festivities. Research has indicated overall health of residents in Eden Alternative facilities improve.

This past summer, Mercy Manor earned a rating of 99 (out of a possible 100) by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which surveys excellence in nursing home care. The assessment includes a comprehensive evaluation of every aspect of our facility including cleanliness and policies pertaining to the interaction of residents and our pets. Mercy Manor is also routinely visited by the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry and again has received favorable evaluations and support for the Eden Alternative.

We acknowledge that incorporating a philosophy of "life" into nurs-

ing homes requires thoughtful planning and is not for every resident. If a person seeking nursing home services does not wish to have contact with pets, Mercy Manor may not be a good choice for residency. We have stringent care and cleanliness guidelines which are strictly adhered to however, one may find our cats sitting at the nursing counter, birds chirping a little loudly at times, and the dog leaning against the water fountain causing it to go on. Most of us experience these as the day-to-day events that occur at home bringing a smile to your face? Our residents may choose how much contact they wish with our pets and we honor these requests.

The staff at Mercy Manor are committed to providing continued information to the community regarding our philosophy and approach to care. If you are interested in learning more about the Eden Alternative, please feel free to contact me at 348-0337 or stop by and visit.

Glenda Jacobs, RNC, NHA
Mercy Manor Administrator

'57 team remembered

To the editor,

What a great evening was provided to honor the basketball team of 1957 of Grayling High School who made it to the semi-finals. The team members enjoyed the evening of visiting and reminiscing and the two games played that evening in the gym that honors Bruce Smith, the coach of the winning '57 team. The evening ended with a good dinner

put on by several members of the school staff and others. We enjoyed it all. The question was asked, "Are there any movies of that team in action during the tournaments?" If anyone out there has some old movies, would you please contact us. (989) 348-7017

Bob and Fay Bovee
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Church to host all-you-can eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church located on Michigan Avenue will host an all you can eat luncheon on Thursday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Soup, sandwich, salad, and dessert is on the menu with take out available. Everyone is welcome.

World day of prayer at St. Francis

Friday, March 1, is World Day of Prayer, global celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. A local service is sponsored by St. Francis Episcopal Church. For more information contact Carolyn Rakoczy at 348-8909.

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of February 24 were Bob Annis, Dave Goltick, Marie St. Germain, and Cookie and Doug.

VA Fund Raiser announces winners

The winners of the 12th annual VA Fund Raiser for fun pool tournament held on Saturday, February 16 were 1st prize of \$1,200 cash to Zena Rivers, Dearborn, 2nd prize of \$500 cash to Patricia Ford, Grayling and 3rd prize a recliner to Pete Stephan, Grayling.

State employee retirees meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retiree's Association, will be held Tuesday, March 5, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Lion's Club now forming in Frederic

For all persons who care about others, now is the time to jump on-board. Become a member of an organization whose primary mission is to help the visual and hearing impaired. Experience the joy of helping those in need, all the while getting to know new friends and neighbors. You do not need to be a resident of Frederic to join, just a person who has a big heart and is willing to donate a small amount of time to our efforts. For more information, call Gil or Gail Smith at the Happy Days Diner at 348-6115 or Ken Smith at 344-0091.

Easter Star hold meeting and luncheon

The Grayling Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will be holding its stated meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 304 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. If you would like additional information you may call (989) 275-5329. A spring blossoms-salad luncheon will be served on Friday, March 22 at 12 noon, public is invited.

Benefit dinner for Kotrash family

A benefit dinner with pop and pie will be held Sunday, March 3, at the Sawmill in Grayling for Dee and Todd Kotrash, whose son Scott Stade has been suffering a terminal illness. The dinner will start at 12 noon until 6 p.m., and the cost is \$5 a plate. For more information you may contact Debbie V. home at 348-0474 or work at 348-3010.

Benefit dinner for Chuck Stoddard

The Frederic Fire Fighters' Association, along with the help of many area businesses, is sponsoring a benefit spaghetti dinner for Chuck Stoddard. Everyone is invited to come and show their support Sunday, March 3, at the Frederic Elementary School, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost for the meal is \$5 per plate or \$20 per family, with all proceeds going to help pay Stoddard's mounting medical expenses. For more information, call Chief Pratt at 348-8190.

Crawford County Fair Board meets

The Crawford County Fair Association will be holding its March monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Court House. If you have any questions contact Barb at (989) 348-8094 or Cheryl at (989) 348-2454.

'Teens for Christ' to perform Sunday

The "Teens for Christ" high school choir will perform at Grayling Free Methodist Church, Sunday, March 3 at 11 a.m. This 90-member high school choir will inspire all who attend.

Master Gardeners to meet

Join the Master Gardeners at their March 11 meeting for an enjoyable evening when Advanced Master Gardener Kathy Thomas will entertain with 'Folklore in the Garden.' Anyone who is interested in finding out the history of the names and legends in your gardens is invited. The group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall. For additional information, contact co-chairman Jean at (989) 366-5169. Reservations are not required.

Kiwanis Law Enforcement Academy

Any sophomore, junior, or senior, who is interested in law enforcement may apply for a Kiwanis Law Enforcement Career Academy scheduled for June 23-28. Your school counselor has the information and applications. The Kiwanis Club of Grayling is the sponsoring organization for any student from Grayling High School that is selected.

Local scholarships available

Many local individuals, organizations and businesses have generously contributed college scholarships for Grayling High School seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2002.

The applications are available in the Grayling High School counseling office. The deadline for most of these scholarships is March 22.

The winners will be announced at Senior Honors Night which will be held in May at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

If you have questions or if your organization wishes to sponsor a scholarship, please contact Teresa Bonamie at the high school coun-

selling office at 344-3512.

Kids get a brand new look



Photo courtesy of Grayling Elementary School

Fifty-five lucky boys and girls at Grayling Elementary School (GES) received new hair styles last week, courtesy of local salons: Northern Expressions, A Cut Above and Heads Up North. School Social Worker, Clyde Holzbauer, organized the day as part of the ongoing Skill Power program at GES to help demonstrate the skill of the month, "Work and Play."

Learn how computers can help young children

"Integrating Computers into the Early Childhood Classroom" is the title of two workshops to be presented locally by Penn State Cooperative Extension.

The two-part workshop is part of the CyberStart Initiative that places computers in child care centers. Center-based staff involved in the CyberStart Initiative and others may participate in the workshop.

Part 1 of the workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7 at the Crawford County 4-H Office in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse.

Part 2 will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 in the same location.

The workshop is geared to help early childhood providers and educators examine how to integrate

computer technology into their programs. Particular attention will be given to how computers can enhance the development of young children.

This workshop was developed to teach participants how to evaluate software, arrange the computer area, and to use the computer in various aspects of the early childhood program.

The workshop is partially funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and the Pennsylvania Child Care/Early Childhood Development Training System.

For more information or to enroll, call Nancy Persing at the 4-H Office at (989) 344-3266.

Information is also available by visiting the Better Kid Care web site at: www.betterkidcare.psu.edu.

River House to celebrate 15 years of service

To recognize the support received from the community during the past 15 years, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Service invites the public to have lunch on the shelter Monday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mercy Center next to Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Chili, corn muffins and cake are on the menu. RSVP is not required but would be helpful. Please call (989) 348-3169.

While the crisis line, advocacy and counseling became available in October 1986, the residential component was added in March 1987. During the past 15 years, the shelter has expanded its outreach services to encompass Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties.

In addition to a safe haven for victims of domestic and sexual violence and homeless women and children, the shelter provides a variety of services including: 24 Hour Crisis Line; Emergency Shelter; Healthy Relationships, A Series for Women; Alternative to Abuse Program; Sexual Assault/Abuse Counseling and Groups; Legal Advocacy; Outreach Services; Referral to Community Resources; Community Education; and Youth Advocacy.

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Lockwood, Moon wed



Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Moon Jr.

The families of Private Stephan Moon Jr. and Allison Lockwood wish to announce their marriage on December 26, 2001 in Killeen, Texas. Steve is the son of Steve and Carrie Moon, and Allison is the daughter of Richard and Terrie Lockwood. Allison and Steve have made their home in Texas while Steve is stationed at Fort Hood.

Cards of love and encouragement can be mailed to: Steve and Allison Moon, 2204 Silverhill Drive, Killeen, Texas 76542

Mlcek, Allen wed



Mande Suzanne Mlcek and Troy Allen

Mande Suzanne Mlcek and Troy Patrick Allen were united in marriage on September 8, 2001. Father James O'Leary performed the ceremony at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Battle Creek.

Sarah Hills, sister of the bride, was the best woman. Chris Allen, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Attendants included Susie Smith, aunt of the bride, Paige Allen, sister of the groom, Maggie Sheridan and Maggie Walsh, friends of the bride, Marc Cochrane, cousin of the

groom, Jason Childs, Curt Hinderliter and Christy Marshall, friends of the groom.

A formal dinner reception was held at the Battle Creek Country Club following the ceremony.

Mande is the daughter of Jerry and Dee Mlcek of Grayling. Troy is the son of Lew and Pat Allen of Battle Creek.

Mande is employed at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's department and Troy is employed at Merrill Lynch. They are making their home in Pinckney.

Fajardo, Smock engaged

Grant and Karen Sell of Manistee announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly S. Fajardo to

John J. Smock, son of Donald and Bernetta Smock of Grayling.

Kimberly is a 1987 graduate of Manistee High School and is currently a homemaker with a five year old daughter.

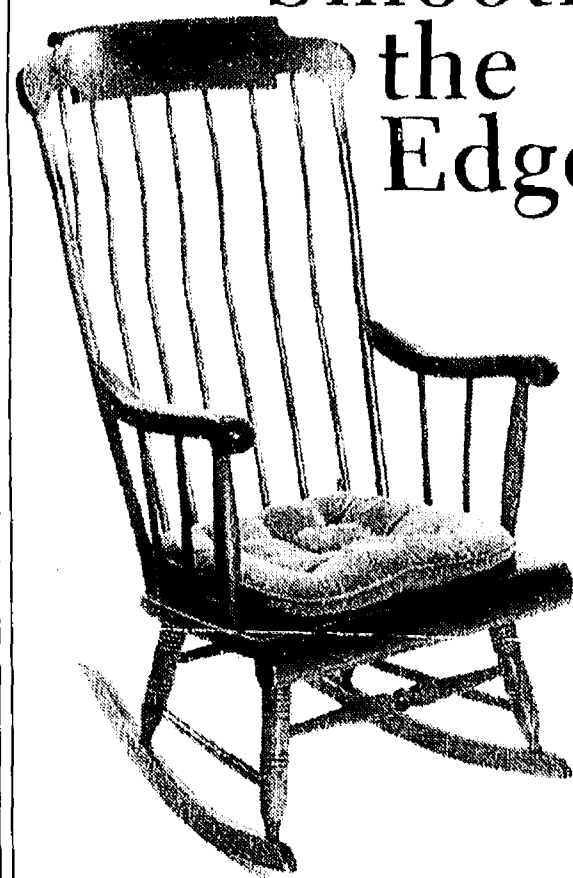
John is a 1975 graduate of Grayling High School and is employed by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

A September wedding is being planned.

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Sanding Smooth the Edges



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John 3:1-21	John 10:1-21	John 13:1-20	John 13:21-35	John 15:1-17	Matthew 6:1-18	Philippians 1:1-11

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Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Sunday Service 10 am

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Local Shriners spread Valentine's Day cheer



Photo courtesy of the Grayling AuSable Shrine Club

Members of the Grayling AuSable Shrine Club did their share to brighten Valentine's Day for residents of Mercy Manor nursing facility by delivering Valentine cards to each. Spreading the cheer were (standing, from left) Past President Arnold Stancil, Joe Porter, President Fred Campbell, and Ken Eldridge. Some of the residents who received cards were (seated, from left) Genevieve Jacobs, Lillian Davikur, and Claude Ressler.

Construction company earns commendation

The National Asphalt Pavement Association announced that Houghton Lake, Michigan Plant, Rieth-Riley Construction company, Inc. of Goshen, Indiana has earned NAPA's Diamond Achievement Commendation for Excellence in Hot Mix Asphalt Plant/Site Operations. The Commendation is designed to recognize Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) production facilities that operate in an exemplary manner.

"Earning the Diamond Achievement Commendation serves as a signal to neighbors that an HMA facility is a good neighbor," commented NAPA Chairman, R. Wayne Evans. "The self-assessment process addresses six aspects of the plant/site: appearance, operations, environmental practices, safety, permitting and compliance, and community relations. By earning the Diamond Achievement, Rieth-Riley Construction Company, Inc. has shown the community that it will go the extra mile for excellence."

The Diamond Achievement Commendation is earned through a self-assessment process, which is open to all in the industry, regardless of whether they are NAPA Members. Participation is voluntary and is on a plant/site basis. Nominations are verified by members of the local community and are evaluated by a nationally known independent assessment firm.

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Local scouts compete in Klondike Derby

Crawford County's Cub Scout Pack 3993 competed against Cub Scouts from five other area counties in the Annual Klondike Derby Race on January 26 at Kirtland Community College.

Race activities included ice rescue, shelter building, fire building, first aid, and a sled race. The first-year

Weeblos from Crawford County took first place in the stretcher race and second place in shelter building.

The local scouts also received the Klondike Derby traveling trophy for "best-spirited" troop. Pack 3993 will keep the trophy until next year, when the group will hand it in for the next winners.



Cub Scout Pack 3993: (front, left to right) Ian Ridgeway, Josh Herman, Joe Somero, Adam Wargo, Steven Wheeler, Sean Coe; (back, left to right) Leader Lennie Wargo, James Minor, Jason Morrow, Matt Hilbrecht, Adam Love.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for March. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

Immunization clinics: March 6 and 20.

Family planning: March 5 and 19.

Optional/confidential HIV/AIDS testing: March 12 (a.m.) and 26 (p.m.).

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: March 6, 11, 14, 18, 20, 22, 25 and 28.

Breast and cervical cancer screening March 19. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40 -64, who have limited or no health insurance.

Free Hearing & Vision Screening, children ages 3-18, March 1.

Other services are available; call (989)348-7800 for appointment.

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MI Technological University

The following students were named to the Dean's List for Michigan Technological University for the fall 2001 semester. Students

named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

They are Michael P. Latusek and Ray S. Trudgeon.

Central Michigan University

The following students were December graduates from Central Michigan University

Christopher M. Bindschatel, Master of Fine Arts; Nadine G. Emmons, Bachelor of Science in Education; and Scott E. Haas, Bachelor of Applied Arts.

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Scouts help with library flag ceremony

Boys Scouts from Troop #993 of Crawford County were recently called upon by new library director Edward Elsner to perform a flag dedication ceremony on January 21.

Elsner asked the scouts to do the honor of raising a flag atop the new flagpole at the library. In addition to Elsner and the scouts of Troop #993, John Junttila, his wife Dawn, and children Madison, Justice, and Sabrina all attended the ceremony. The Junttila family donated the flag.

The donated flag was given to Junttila at his father's funeral service and had been put away for safe keeping.

Paul A. Junttila was an avid reader and his family wanted to keep his memory alive by flying the flag at the new library.

Assistant Scoutmaster Jim Pickell read a presentation at the ceremony, which was followed by a recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

The new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library is slated to open in March.



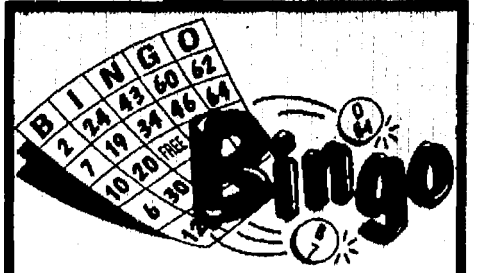
The Boy Scouts of Troop #993 recently participated in a flag dedication ceremony at the new Crawford County Library.

Cheer team attends regional championships



Photo courtesy of Shay Lyn Veasy

Grayling Cheer America recently competed in the Northern Michigan Regional Championship in Gaylord. The group "wow"ed the crowd with two sideline cheers and a dance to "Let's Get Loud" by Jennifer Lopez. The girls range in age from seven to 16 and are coached by Shay Lyn Veasy.



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Kirtland Community College instructor wins teaching award

Kirtland English instructor Margaret (Maggie) Tatum has won the Michigan Campus Compact Outstanding Faculty Award for her work on a service learning project involving her English Composition students visiting area nursing homes and writing about the lives of people they interviewed there.

Students were matched with a nursing-home resident and recorded

the life and times of that person. The histories were compiled and presented to family members, and will be archived in the college library.

"We at Kirtland are very proud that Maggie has won this prestigious award," said Richard Silverman, Kirtland's dean of Instruction and Educational Services. "The Michigan Campus Compact is an organization made up of most of the

four-year colleges and universities in Michigan, plus three community colleges. So Maggie's nomination was competing against some pretty stiff competition."

Tatum has been active in service learning at other colleges, and now her skills benefit Kirtland students, according to her letter of nomination. She has been instrumental in helping other faculty start similar

programs. She helped write several grants that have provided "seed" money for other campus service-learning projects.

Tatum's grant-writing skills have saved projects that would have otherwise withered for lack of funding. She has done all this as an adjunct instructor with no compensation for her work, allowing others to reap the benefits of her good service.

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Engler takes broadband campaign to the public

by Wanda Reese
Capital News Service
LANSING, -- Gov. John Engler is taking his case for a proposed statewide high-speed Internet "superhighway" directly to the court of public opinion.

The issue was a priority item in his State of the State Address, and a speech given at the Michigan Broadband Breakfast this week. Engler wants support for a three-bill high-speed access package the Legislature has agreed to vote on before the end of February.

Deployment of the plan would create uniform pricing for telecommunications providers and a new financing authority to help fund the construction of a broadband infrastructure.

"The governor considers this a 'jump start' mechanism for development and expansion through the private sector -- with no ownership

through the state," said Matt Roush, Engler's deputy press secretary.

Roush said Engler's strong interest in quick growth of high-speed connections is fueled by his belief that it will improve the state's staggering economy.

Amid sobering budget projections that state budget Director Don Gilmer said would mean considerably "less money to spend," Engler's vision is drawing substantial criticism from one industry expert.

"They don't understand the technology," said Chuck Scott, president and owner of Gaslight Media, a Petoskey-based Internet services provider (ISP). Scott calls the governor's plan a "very disruptive approach to a business that's already functioning well."

Citing a "general lack of understanding by those pushing for the

legislation," Scott said supporters and architects of the proposed expansion are also under the incorrect assumption that many areas of the state are underserved.

Scott voiced his concerns publicly last week while testifying before members of the Senate Energy and Technology Committee.

At issue, Scott said, are maps released by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) outlining what it calls Michigan's high-speed telecommunications system.

MEDC spokesmen said the maps demonstrate the existence of a "digital divide" within rural and cash-strapped urban communities throughout the state.

"These maps show ... that Michigan has a growing digital divide when it comes to high-

speed access throughout the state," said Doug Rothwell, MEDC president and CEO. Rothwell said implementation of the plan would mean greater access and opportunities for many residents in underserved areas.

The mapping project, directed by the Technology Policy Group, used some 40 databases in drawing its conclusions.

Scott said the results "were simply incorrect," and missed a major proportion of Internet capacity in the state that is being adequately served. "There are essentially no businesses or organizations in the state that can't get broadband service if they know how to ask for it."

Scott said applications for digital subscriber lines (DSL) provide greater benefit for residential customers where there is demand for

browsing the Internet. Companies that build and market DSL "target their services to consumers," he said.

Scott said the demand in the business sector is for high-speed bandwidth that supports file exchange or transfer, which requires greater capacity than that needed for simple Web browsing.

To imply that Michigan businesses are being underserved "is an insult to Internet providers who work hard to provide service and do the job well," he said.

A study conducted by Gartner Consulting of Southfield places Michigan at the bottom of all states in technology development. Roush said the governor sees the plan as a blueprint for the future, a hedge against "the state experiencing this type of financial crisis in the future."

Local title holders headed to state Jr. Miss

Michigan's Junior Miss scholarship program will be held March 9 at the Stanley C. Beck Auditorium at Alpena High School. Twenty-six young women will compete for the title of Michigan's Junior Miss and a share of \$9,000 in college scholarships.

The young women from the Grayling area participating in the 2002 Michigan's Junior Miss program are AuSable River Valley's Junior Miss Tiffany Pizzi of Grayling and Grayling's 2001 Junior Miss Penny Rosin of Frederic.

Also competing will be Houghton Lake's Junior Miss Katherine Warner of Houghton Lake and Prudenville's Junior Miss Arica Drog, also of Houghton Lake.

The Michigan state chairman for 2002 is Ken Connon. Connon has been involved with the Junior Miss organization since 1972. He began working at the local level of competition and began his six years as state chairman in the mid-90s.

The America's Junior Miss program was founded in 1957 and is the oldest and largest scholarship



Penny Rosin
2001 Grayling Junior Miss



Tiffany Pizzi
2001 AuSable River Valley Junior Miss

program for high school senior girls. It has helped thousands of girls pay for their educations and pursue their ambitions.

Over 700,000 young women have competed at the local, state and national levels. More than \$27 million are available for scholarships each year.

During the past 44 years, America's Junior Miss has awarded scholarships totaling more than \$81 million to girls from across the nation. In addition, other cash scholarships worth \$2 million have been awarded at the National Finals in Mobile, AL.

Past participants include Diane Sawyer of *ABC News*, Deborah Norville of *Inside Edition* and Debra Messing, co-star of NBC's *Will & Grace*.

The categories in which each contestant is evaluated are

scholarships (20%), interview (25%), talent (25%), fitness (15%) and poise (15%). The program's goal is to honor young women who excel in all these areas and to encourage them to continue on the path of excellence by completing their college educations and assuming roles of leadership in their communities and professions, thereby setting an example for other young women to follow.

Tickets for the competition are \$17 on the main floor or \$12 in the balcony. Please call (989) 354-8783 for more information.

For more information about America's Junior Miss, please contact Leslie Powell, Assistant Marketing and Public Relations Director at (251) 438-3621, (800) 256-5435, leslie@ajm.org, or visit us on the Web at www.ajm.org.

Bradstreet calls for web privacy protection

Michigan Internet users are protected from service providers that track their Web habits and document other personal information under legislation unveiled today by Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Grayling).

The measure was prompted by the recent discovery that Comcast Corporation, the nation's third-largest cable company, was tracking the Web-browsing activities of their subscribers without notifying them. Comcast says it now will end the practice.

"The public outcry Comcast received when people learned their privacy was being violated seems to have quickly stopped the one instance we know about," said Bradstreet, chair of the House

Energy and Technology Committee. "Internet users do need to remember that even though they are in their own homes, linking to the Web does expose them to millions of others."

"If Internet companies need a law to observe common decency and courtesy rules, then we will give them one."

Bradstreet's bill prohibits Internet service providers in Michigan from tracking, collecting and maintaining information about subscriber Web-browsing activities, including Web sites visited and products purchased.

Bradstreet expects to introduce the legislation within the next few months.

Sentencing or mistrial: What's next in CSC case?

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to present arguments in favor of obtaining a new trial for his client.

The juror in question was interviewed behind closed doors by Murphy, Donnelly and Fragel at a hearing in January. At that same time, Donnelly brought forward two witnesses willing to testify in court that they, too, had fallen victim to Tironi while in their teens. Tironi accepted their written testimony into the record of the trial, keeping the two off the witness stand.

Donnelly also brought forward

Kalkaska County Jail inmates and an administrator who testified that Tironi's sexual misbehavior was continuing during his incarceration. He is now being housed separately from other inmates while awaiting the outcome of the sentencing phase.

Donnelly said if a mistrial is called, he will be able to bring the two witnesses forward to testify in a new trial.

Names, ages, and residences of the victims are being withheld due to the nature of the case.

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March is American Red Cross Month

History and overview of the local chapter

The American Red Cross is well known for responding to disasters, providing life-saving blood products, and offering first aid, CPR, and aquatics courses. During March, which is Red Cross Month, we will take a closer look at our local chapter to understand what it does in northern Michigan and how local residents can support the work of the American Red Cross.

The Northern Lower Michigan Chapter was chartered in January 1997, comprised of twelve counties serving most of the tip of the mitten. The list of counties includes Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Otsego, Oscoda, Presque Isle, and Roscommon. Additionally, custodial assistance is provided to Iosco, Luce, and Mackinac counties.

Prior to 1997, the twelve-county area had spotty Red Cross services available. While some counties, including Crawford, had well coordinated services, there remained large gaps with marginal services in too many other communities. In 1995, the national Red Cross outlined minimum service requirements for every chapter. Only three of the nine chapters in northern Michigan were able to meet those minimum standards at that time. Consolidating the jurisdiction into one chapter and establishing three primary service centers in Petoskey, Gaylord, and Alpena provided a structure to build volunteer ranks to respond locally. Today, the number of trained volunteers has significantly

increased in all twelve counties.

Crawford County is served by the Gaylord service center. Basically, local volunteers provide the local needs, with administrative support provided by the service center. When volunteer instructors offer a CPR course locally, the Gaylord office handles the paperwork.

A volunteer board of directors leads the chapter. Crawford County has two representatives on the board, Monte Burmeister and Bill Gannon. Each was asked why they agreed to join the board, "It's important for Red Cross to be able to respond to our local needs, and I wanted Crawford County's interests to be represented at the board level", stated Bill Gannon. "The work of Red Cross impacts most Americans at some time during our lives, from taking swimming lessons as a child, administering first aid to a family member during an outing, or needing a blood transfusion in later years. Red Cross needs to be strong locally to benefit our community", added Burmeister.

Next week: Learn about Red Cross disaster services in Crawford County. For more details on Red Cross, contact the Gaylord office at 732-7161 or 800-691-6059.

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Hoffman, Hutton wed



Mr. and Mrs. Rif Hutton

Bridget Hoffman and Rif Hutton exchanged vows on June 8, 2001 at the Church of the Valley in Van Nuys, California.

In attendance to witness the vows were the bride's parents, Ralph and Nancy Hoffman, siblings: Mike and wife Sharon and daughter Shannon; John and his daughter Ani (John's wife Marianne was not able to attend); Rosie and husband Curt Karbun; Barbara, and Maureen, who was Bridget's maid of honor.

Rif's mother attended from New Jersey, along with his two sisters and two brothers.

Special music was provided by their friend Stuart K. Robinson who wrote a song dedicated to the couple titled "Bless Them with Love."

A reception immediately following the wedding was held at the Bistro Garden in Studio City.

Bridget and Rif bought a house in Los Angeles where they now make their home.

Dedafoe, Bond engaged



Susan Dedafoe and James Bond

Larry and Cindy Dedafoe announce the engagement of their daughter Susan to Senior Airman James J. Bond.

James is the son of Tom and

Joyce Bond of Roscommon.

Susan is a 1998 graduate of Grayling High School. James is in the United States Air Force.

An August 2 wedding is planned.

OBITUARIES

Evelyn L. Donaldson

Apr. 24, 1939 - Feb. 22, 2002

Mrs. Evelyn L. "Evie" Donaldson, age 62 of Gaylord, died Friday, February 22, at Otsego Memorial Hospital. She was born on April 24, 1939 in Lansing and has lived in Gaylord for 31 years having moved from Grayling.

Mrs. Donaldson was a member of the Gaylord Eagles Auxiliary #1825, a past officer, and a very active member as well.

She loved making candles, going to the casino, playing bingo, and enjoyed her garden and her flowers.

She is survived by her husband Dan, three children: Ray Harold Waite III of Lexington, Kentucky, Barbara Jean Waite of Gaylord, and Carla (Jack Runnels) Waite of Grand Rapids. Three step-children: Keith (Denise) Donaldson of Mesquite, Texas, Steve Donaldson of Folly Beach, South Carolina, and Scott (Jackie) Donaldson of LaPlace, Los Angeles.

She also leaves behind seven grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and two sisters: Donna Hodgson of Lansing, and Gloria (Gary) Oliver of Lexington, Kentucky.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, February 23 at the Eagles Club in Gaylord with Pastor Sam Smith officiating. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice through the funeral home.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

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A special thanks to all businesses, organizations and individuals that supported our cause in helping our hospitalized veterans. It is this dedicated support from these groups and the local community that enables our program to grow.

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VA Fund Raiser Committee

Ronald A. Bouse

Feb. 22, 1952 - Feb. 20, 2002

Ronald A. Bouse, 49, formerly of Grayling and Detroit, died Wednesday, February 20. A memorial service was held on February 26 at First Baptist Church of Livonia.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

In Loving Memory of

James R. Wakeley
February 27, 1996

God looked around his garden, and he found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

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So, he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be Thine."

It broke your hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God took you home.

Sadly missed by wife Sharon, daughter Amy, sons Kevin, Michael and Todd; grandchildren Jordan, Courtney, Cameron, Colbie, Casie, Naomi and Noah.

We love you!

Card of Thanks

Thank you all - Charlie for the fast trip to Mercy E.R. Doctors and nurses in E.R. Visits from Rev. Dean Coursey and prayers from everyone. Cards, telephone calls, visits to the house with food and flowers; plant from Chapel; Ron for snow fence and flasher light. Julie for your help and son Steve for staying with me.

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Betta Kinsman

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P.I.T. STOP

Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

Remember - Parent Teacher conferences - Thursday afternoon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Don't forget to bring your child and have him/her show you around. This will be a student led conference so they will be telling and showing you what they have done.

March 2- The Middle School Band will be traveling to Elk Rapids this Saturday to compete in the Middle School District Band Festival. This will be the first time our seventh grade band goes to a festival. They will perform three pieces of music and then they have to perform two pieces of music that they have never seen before in the sight reading section of the competition.

March 2 - The Wrestling team

will be holding a meet in Clare at 9 a.m.

Sunrise Study is held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. If your child didn't do well on his intern report you may want to consider this option.

Homework Lab is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. This is a great place for your child to get the extra help they may need.

March 5 - The Middle School Choir will be holding their Pre-Festival Concert at the High School at 7 p.m. Your child will need to be there early and dressed properly. Please check with the choir note and your child on times and apparel.

March 16 - The Middle School will be performing in their District Choir Festival in Gaylord.

March 22 and 23 - The Middle School will be holding their annual Dinner Theater at the AuSable Primary cafeteria starting at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available at Riverland. The kids have been working hard on this play and it sounds like it will be a great show.

March 22 - The sixth grade will be taking a Perk Trip to the Sportsplex in Gaylord. Ask your child if they qualify for this trip. All parents are welcome to come along and join the fun.

P.I.T. Meeting will be March 14 at GMS at 8:30 a.m. We will be planning the gardens outside the offices and working on the Funfest. If you have any ideas you would like to share, please join us. If you can't make it and still would like to help call Shirley Currison at 348-1348. We will need volunteers and donations for Funfest.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

Wed. Feb. 27 - Bratwurst & Kraut/ Spaghetti & Meatballs; Exercise and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.; RSVP Cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; Medicine Shoppe bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thu. Feb. 28 - Mac & Cheese/

BBQ Chicken; BP's taken at 11 a.m. to noon; Bible Study at 11 a.m.; Adult Ed at 1 p.m. and Uno Attack game at 5:30 p.m.

March

Fri. Mar. 1 - Chicken Stir Fry/no dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

Sun. Mar. 3 - Sunday Brunch - Blueberry pancakes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 4 - Spaghetti & Meatballs/ Chicken Kiev; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 5 - Wiener Schnitzel/ Oven Perch; Speaker on the "Vial of Life" a program that is benefi-

cial to both the client and the Emergency team after the 9-1-1 call; Euchre club at 1 p.m.; McDonald's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 6 - Swiss Steak/Chick-en Pot Pie; Commodities at St. Mary's back lot from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. only. Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercise and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m. RSVP Cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.

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LEGAL ACTION

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BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Meeting February 11, 2002

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Mobarak and Little. Absent: Hartman. There were 5 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was seconded and carried.

D. Little spoke on Lakescapers. Reports were given by the Treasurer, Fire Dept, DPW, Planning and Zoning.

Supervisors reported the loss of M. Pung and what an asset he had been to the Township. Firewise Group told of funds available to qualifying residents for removal of trees/shrubs close to residences that hinder accessibility of fire equipment in case of emergencies. Funds

available on first come, first serve basis.

There were 8 pieces of correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Quicksilver: Proposal to drill second well on cemetery property was reviewed by attorney and was in order. Supervisor was instructed to sign said proposal.

2. Thomas Eustice-Maps: Motion by Mobarak, second by Balmes to have Twp. attorney draft and send a letter to Mr. Eustice for non-performance of contract, requesting the return of the initial payment of \$500.00. Motion carried. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. General Insurance Bids: Motion by Mobarak, supported by Little to have Supervisor sign contract for insurance with Burnham/Flowers. Motion carried with a Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Balmes, Mobarak, Little, Riley. Nays: 0.

2. Red Cross Request: Motion by Balmes, supported by Mobarak to have Supervisor sign Preliminary Facility Agreement for Red Cross of use to Township Building in case of

emergency. Roll Call Vote of: Ayes: Riley, Little, Mobarak and Balmes. Nays: 0.

3. Moved by Mobarak, supported by Little to pay the AP bills. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Sharon K. Hartman Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL COURT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION Case No. 01-5621-CH (D)

Court address: 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-2841

David J. Guelde and Teri S. Guelde Plaintiff

David R. Sabin P19822

Attorney for Plaintiffs 115 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-5588

v

Barry Rousseau, et al Defendant

To: Caroline Merz, Diane Carpenter and Gary Ellsworth

It is ordered:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court regarding the abandonment of an alley located in Block 5, 1st Addition to Portage Lake Park, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and the vacation thereof. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before March 27, 2002. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Honorable Alton T. Davis P24472

Judge

Date: 2-8-02

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 27, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Block 19 of original Plat of the Village (now city) of Grayling, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2002 For Information, Please Call: Falcons 248-593-1313 Troit & Troit, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File #200132501 Falcons

-14-21-28-7-14

NOTICE Frederic Township Board of Review

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 5:00 P.M. to receive and review the 2002 Tax Roll. The Board will meet on Monday, March 11, 2002 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and on Saturday March 16, 2002, 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. to accept protest in person from taxpayers. Protests will also be accepted by mail providing they are received at the Township Office prior to the last Board of Review session. All sessions will be held at the Frederic Township Office, 7564 Co. Road 612. Address protest by mail to Frederic Township Board of Review, P. O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	32.89	1.5202
Commercial	46.47	1.0760
Industrial	48.07	1.0401
Residential	43.53	1.1486
Timber Cut-Over	36.90	1.3550

Nancy L. Blindschatel Township Clerk

-14-21-28

Boy Scouts earn Rifle Merit Badges

Boys Scouts from Troop #993 of Crawford County recently visited the Grayling Sportsman Club to work on and complete their Rifle Merit Badge.

Under the guidance of Jim Smith and Pat Trombley, both club members, the scouts learned the funda-

mentals of gun safety.

To complete badge requirements, all scouts had to learn and demonstrate the knowledge, skill, and attitude necessary to safely handle and shoot a firearm. The scouts learned different kinds of actions used on rifles and shotguns, different bul-

lets/shots, and proper overall care of a firearm.

After these requirements were met, the scouts returned to the Sportsman Club to put their knowledge to the test by firing numerous rounds at different targets and checking their scores.



Boys Scouts from local Troop #993 recently completed Rifle Merit Badge Requirements at the Grayling Sportsman Club. Pictured: (front, kneeling) Andrew Kane; (front, left to right) Gage Thomason, Shawn Redmond, Kyle Halstead, Matthew Haight; (middle, left to right) Jonathan Kane, Ryan Harris, Nathan Pickell, Jacob Reynolds, James Haight, John Ventline; (back, left to right) Rifle Merit Badge Counselor Jim Schlaff, Sportsman Club President Pat Trombley, Richard Haight, Alex Millar, Sportsman Club member Jim Smith, Robby Schlaff. Not pictured: Scoutmaster Mike Kane, Assistant Scoutmaster Jim Pickell.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 27 through March 5 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates and times:

February 27 - 28 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and March 5 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For further information on Air to Ground operations call: (989) 939-

8880 or (989) 354-6205.

Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers and mortar firing:

March 1 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m., March 2 from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. and March 3 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek:

March 1 for 4 p.m. until 9 p.m., March 2 from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

and March 3 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Range 17, located south of the Main Post, north of Carrier Road, East of Range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road):

March 1 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m., March 2 from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. and March 3 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Portage Creek Road Bridge, located west of Howe Road, in South Camp is closed for construction.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 152 complaints the two week period of February 11-24:

One hazardous conditions, 21 traffic accidents, three non-traffic accidents, one accident - other shooting, two accident - all other, one parking violations, three school bus inspections, four liquor license inspections, 11 civil matter disputes

- family trouble, 10 suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 27 general non-criminal, one structure fire, one vehicle fire, one hazardous - spill, leak, power line, seven delinquent minors, one run-arounds, two snowmobile incidents, one valid alarm, three false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one extortion, five burglary/home invasion, two large-

ny, one motor vehicle theft, one fraudulent activities, five damage to property, one sex offenses/indecent exposure, one liquor law violations, 12 public peace/disorderly, one hit and run motor vehicle accident, one OUILUBAL, 11 health and safety, one conservation, three miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, one driving on revoked/suspended/refused license.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT

THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frances Riemke, a single woman and Timothy A. Friesse, a single man, as joint tenants (original mortgages) to J. Virgil, Inc. DBA Lending Factory, Mortgage Banker, Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2000, and recorded on December 4, 2000 in Liber 524, on Page 107, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the EquiCredit Corporation of America. Assignee by an assignment dated November 7, 2000, which was recorded on October 9, 2001, in Liber 0555, on Page 399, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND 14/100 dollars (\$39,944.14), including interest at 13.770% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 3, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of

Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 305.6 feet West of the East 1/8 Post of the North 1/8 Line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan; thence Northeasterly along the Centerline of Old M-93, 143 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence Northwesterly 404.3 feet; thence Easterly 76.54 feet; thence Southeasterly 351.0 feet to the Centerline of Old M-93; thence Southwesterly along the Centerline to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 21, 2002 For Information, Please Call: Wolves 248-593-1312 Troit & Troit, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File#200211703 Wolves

-21-28-7-14-21

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The County of Crawford is requesting proposals for remodeling and conversion of the conference room in Central Dispatch. For details and project specifications contact Paul Compo or Larry Akers at the County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, (989) 348-2841. All bids are to be sealed and submitted to the Controller on or before 4:00 p.m., March 12, 2002, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

NOTICE Frederic Township Board of Review

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Nancy L. Blindschatel Township Clerk

-14-21-28

NOTICE Beaver Creek Township Board of Review

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 5, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2002 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 11, 2002, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 14, 2002, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	40.26	1.2419
Commercial	49.72	1.0056
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	46.75	1.0695

Lee Riley Township Supervisor

-21-28-7

NOTICE South Branch Township Board of Review

Residents and Non-Residents may protest in writing

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2002, 6:30 p.m. To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 11, 2002, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 13, 2002 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72(2A)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon ten (10) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Laura Smith, Clerk PO Box 606 5245 N. M-18 Roscommon, MI 48653 (989) 275-8232

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE Grayling Township Board of Review

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with tax payers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2002, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 14 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	36.21	1.3808
Commercial	41.68	1.1996
Industrial	49.66	1.0068
Residential	45.12	1.1082

Terry Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

-21-28-7

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular Board Meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, March 14, 2002, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P. O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following items.

22-A Crushed Gravel

and

23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production and included in the unit price. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before May 15, 2002:

36,000 ton of 22A and 15,000 ton of 23A Crushed gravel produced and stockpiled within the proximity of T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township or T26N, R3W, Grayling Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "2002 Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

-28-7

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Old Lake Road Project Crawford County Road Commission Crawford County, Michigan

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, March 14, 2002 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P. O. Box 648, Grayling, Michigan 49738-0648, for the following:

The project work consists of bituminous mainline and approach paving only. All other work, including grading, crushing and shaping, traffic control and restoration, will be completed by others, and is not part of this contract.

The Instructions To Bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at the Crawford County Road Commission offices and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 480 W Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan, 49770. Bidding documents may be purchased from the engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$20.00 per set. The Michigan Department of Transportation Standard Specifications For Construction, 1996 edition, is also part of the contract.

Each Bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association or corporation, has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participating in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. Failure to submit the signed statement as part of the bid proposal will result in rejection of the bid.

The MDOT contractor prequalification is 13Cb.

The project is subject to 60% limitation on Subcontracting.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal will be required with each proposal.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract amount.

The Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest, in accordance with the 1996 MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction, as amended by supplemental specifications and special provisions contained herein.

The Crawford County Road Commission
Mr. Donald Babcock, Managing Director

-21-28-7

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

As of Monday, February 25, 2002 at 6 a.m. the Crawford County Road Commission has established enforceable weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads.

At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard, which is load reductions of 35%.

Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281, should you be a hauler with a specific question about restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director
For: Thomas Berry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Kenneth Riehle, Commissioner

-28-7

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P. O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following items.

TWO (2) USED FIFTH WHEEL TRACTORS

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above Address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "2002 Used Fifth Wheel Tractor Bid". The Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

-21-28

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: Property owners fronting Whirlpool Road, and those property owners who must access Whirlpool Road for ingress and egress to their properties.

Regarding: Special assessment roll for the purpose of paving Whirlpool Road, Sections 1 and 12, T26N, R3W.

On February 13, 2002, the Grayling Township Board, subsequent to a public hearing, resolved to create a Special Assessment District to defray the costs of blacktopping Whirlpool Road.

A second Public Hearing to receive and review comments regarding the tentative special assessment roll for blacktopping of Whirlpool Road will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2002, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72 Hwy.), Grayling.

If any affected property owner believes they will not benefit from the proposed blacktopping, it is important to attend this hearing or forward comments in writing prior to the hearing in order to protect rights of appeal. This hearing will assist in determining the exact properties to be assessed and the amount of each assessment.

Project files and maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours. Correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-4361 or FAX (989) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

-28-7

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS

The Lovells Township Board of the Township of Lovells will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0398 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2002.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes .04% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

In order to maintain basic services of the township, the Township Board proposes to levy an additional mill rate of .0398 mills (.039 cents per thousand sev).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:

Township of Lovells
8405 Twin Bridge Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-9215
(989) 348-6437 Fax

-28-7

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 5, 2002 at 9am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 11, 2002 9am-noon
1pm-4pm

Thurs., March 14, 2002 1pm-4pm
6pm-9pm

All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

-14-21-28-7

NOTICE City of Grayling Board of Review

The Board of Review for the City of Grayling will meet at the City Offices for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Review for the City of Grayling will meet at the City Offices, 5688 M-72 West, for the purposes of hearing taxpayers on Monday, March 11, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 16, 2002 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72(2A) (3). Petitioner will be received on a FIRST COME, FIRST HEARD basis. Protests may also be sent by First Class US Mail.

Larry D. Hunter, MCAE IV
City of Grayling Assessor
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738-0549

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P. B. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following items.

ONE (1) USED THREE AXLE LEAD TRAILER

ONE (1) USED FIVE AXLE PUP TRAILER

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "2002 Used Dump Trailer Bid". The Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

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NOTICE Lovells Township Board of Review/Budget Hearing/Zoning

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 11, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund and Library Fund for fiscal year 2002-2003 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the township hall on Monday, April 1, 2002.

There are two openings on the Zoning Board for a four year term starting April 1, 2002. Those interested please contact the Lovells Township Supervisor at 348-9215.

Frederick Schalbly
Lovells Township Supervisor

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Boys basketball play-offs to start next week

March Madness 2002

Vikings draw a first round bye in Districts

► GHS to start play-offs with Cheboygan or Gaylord in semis

Grayling High School has drawn a first-round bye for the 2002 boys basketball District #63 tournament, and will face either Gaylord or Cheboygan in the District semi-finals on March 6.

The tournament will be held at Kalkaska Middle School.

Gaylord and Cheboygan face off in round one in the first District #63 game. The game will be held on Monday, March 4, at 6 p.m. The winner plays Grayling.

At 8 p.m. on Monday, Kalkaska plays Petoskey. The winner will play Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday, March 6, at 6 p.m. in the District semi-finals.

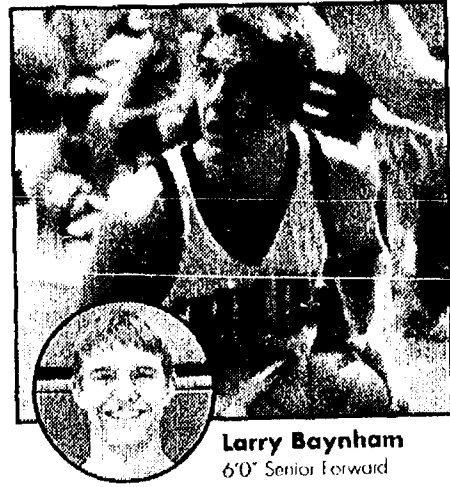
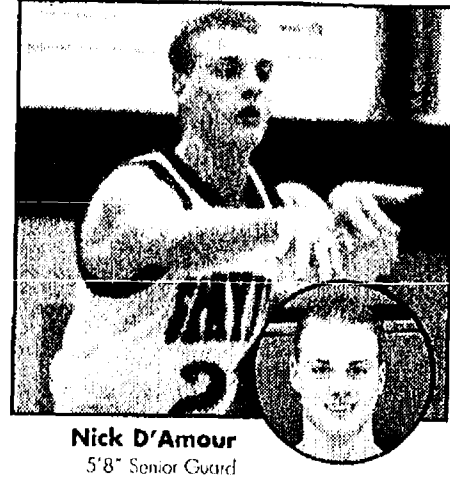
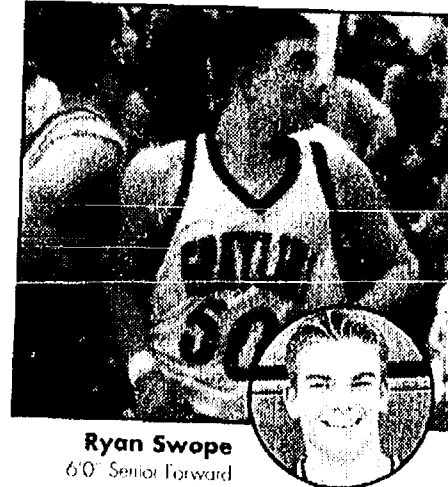
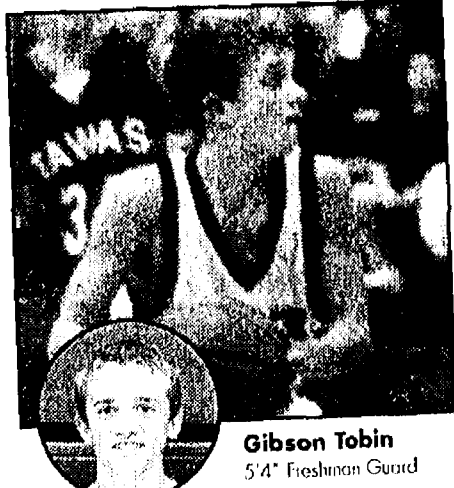
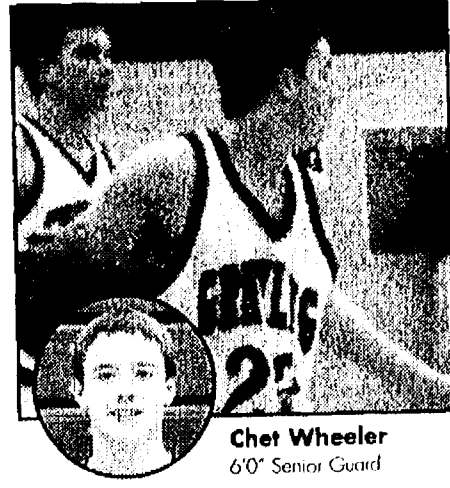
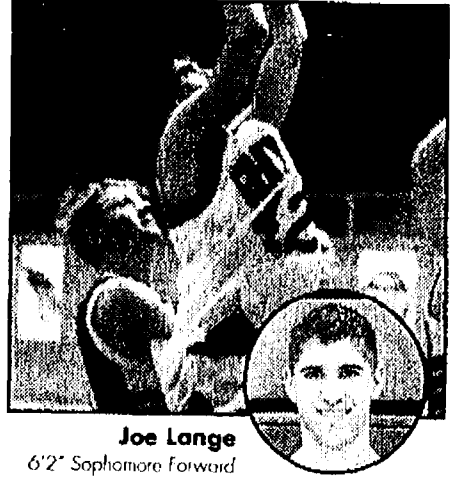
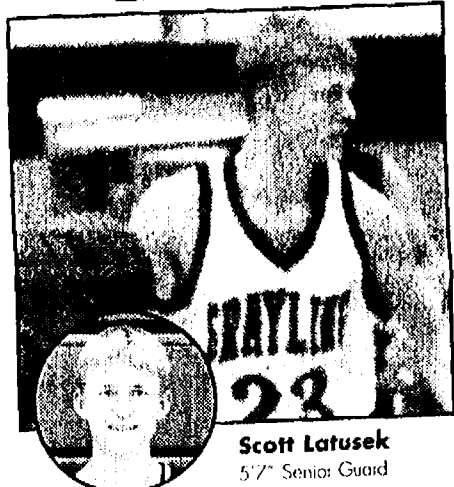
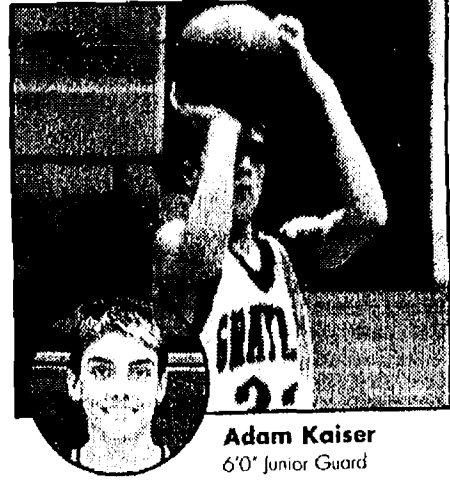
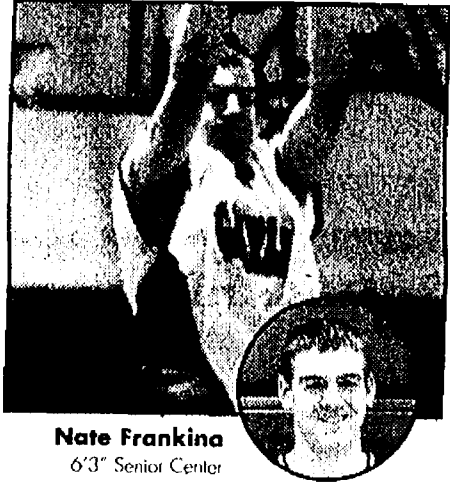
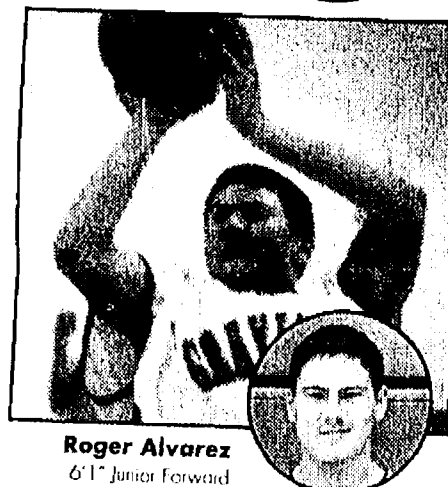
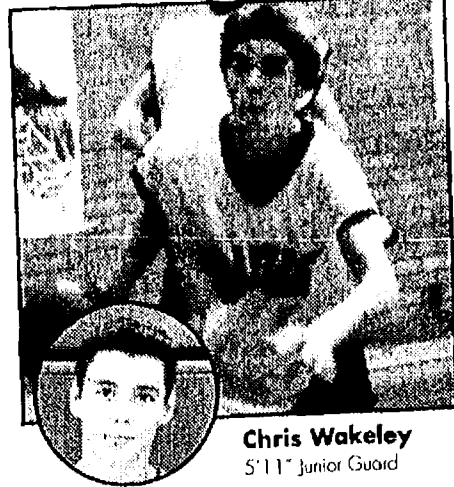
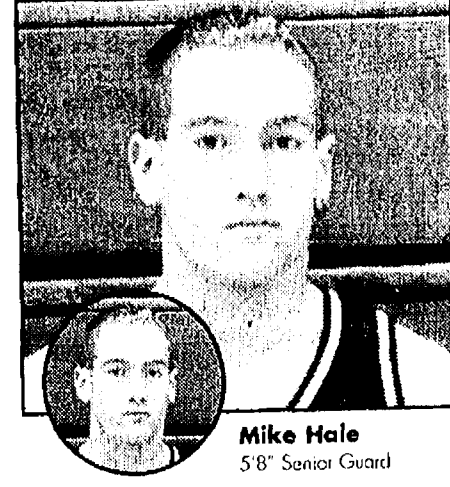
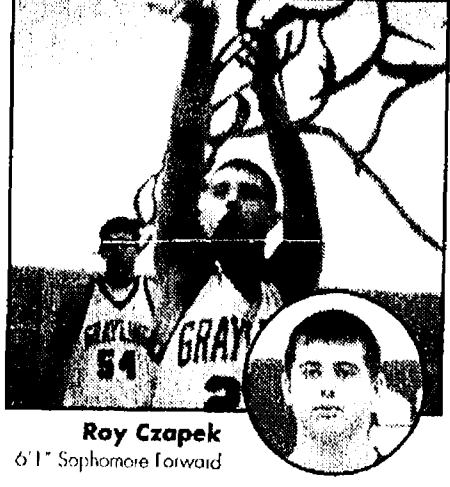
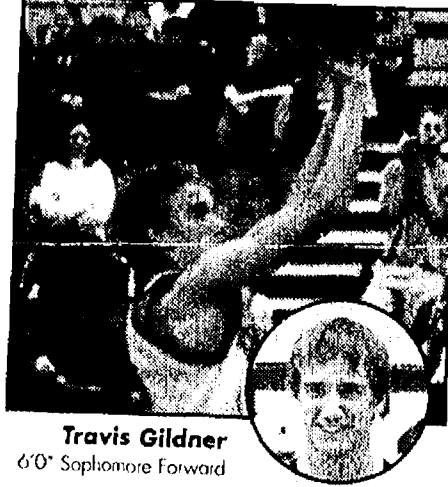
The two semi-final winners will play for the District championship on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. The District tournament winner will move on to Regionals at Petoskey.

Of Grayling's five potential opponents in the District #63 tournament, the only one the Vikings have played this year is Gaylord. The Blue Devils won both matchups against Grayling this season.

As of Saturday, February 23, Grayling's varsity boys basketball team has posted a 9-9 overall record, 5-4 at home, 4-5 on the road, and 7-6 in league games.

For more on the District Tournament, see Page 5B.

THE GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

R.J. Schmidt
6'1" Senior GuardLarry Baynham
6'0" Senior ForwardNick D'Amour
5'8" Senior GuardRyan Swope
6'0" Senior ForwardGibson Tobin
5'4" Freshman GuardChet Wheeler
6'0" Senior GuardJoe Lange
6'2" Sophomore ForwardWes Fox
6'0" Senior GuardScott Latusek
5'7" Senior GuardAdam Kaiser
6'0" Junior GuardNate Frankina
6'3" Senior CenterRoger Alvarez
6'1" Junior ForwardChris Wakeley
5'11" Junior GuardMike Hale
5'8" Senior GuardRoy Czapke
6'1" Sophomore ForwardTravis Gildner
6'0" Sophomore Forward

Grayling slips to third in NEMC race

► Vikings fall to league-leading Tawas in Friday's conference battle

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In a back-and-forth conference battle last week, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball lost to the Braves of Tawas in Grayling 65-60.

The Braves were tied with Standish Sterling Central for first place in the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) going into Friday night's game at Grayling. The Vikings were tied with Oscoda for second place in the NEMC.

Tawas kept its conference title hopes alive with the win, and Grayling is now out of the race for the league's top spot. The Vikings slipped to third place in the conference with Friday's setback.

Tawas took the lead early with a 7-0 run after Grayling scored the first points of the game. The Braves outscored Grayling 19-12 in the first quarter to take a seven-point lead into the second period.

R. J. Schmidt accounted for eight of Grayling's 12 first quarter points. The Vikings also scored on a shot inside by Ryan Swope and two free throws by Nick D'Amour in the first eight minutes of play.

Grayling edged Tawas 14-13 in an even second period.

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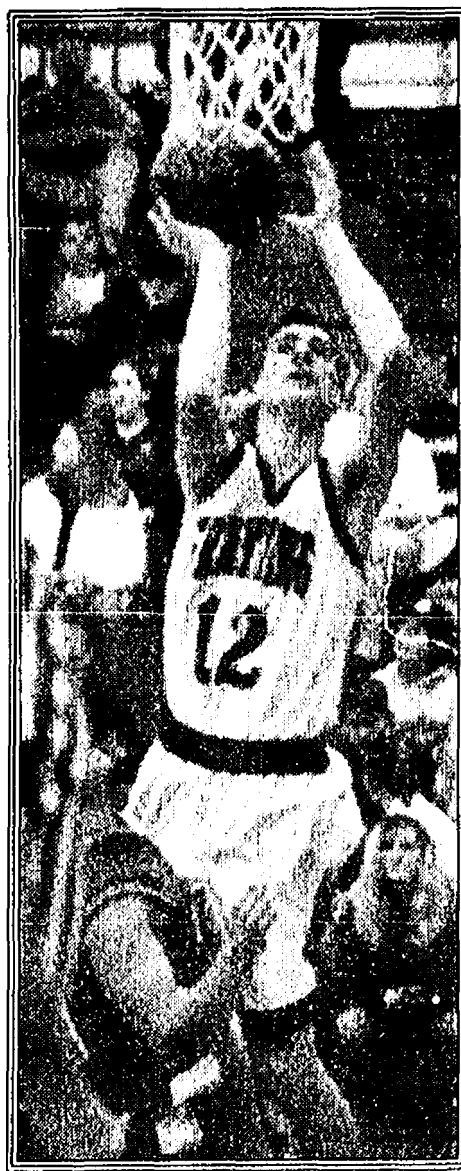
6'1" Senior Guard #12



Schmidt, who is averaging over 20 points per game, is Grayling's leading scorer and perhaps best all-around player. He is always a three-point threat and can drive to the hoop, too. Schmidt, also a solid defender and rebounder, is a returning letterman.

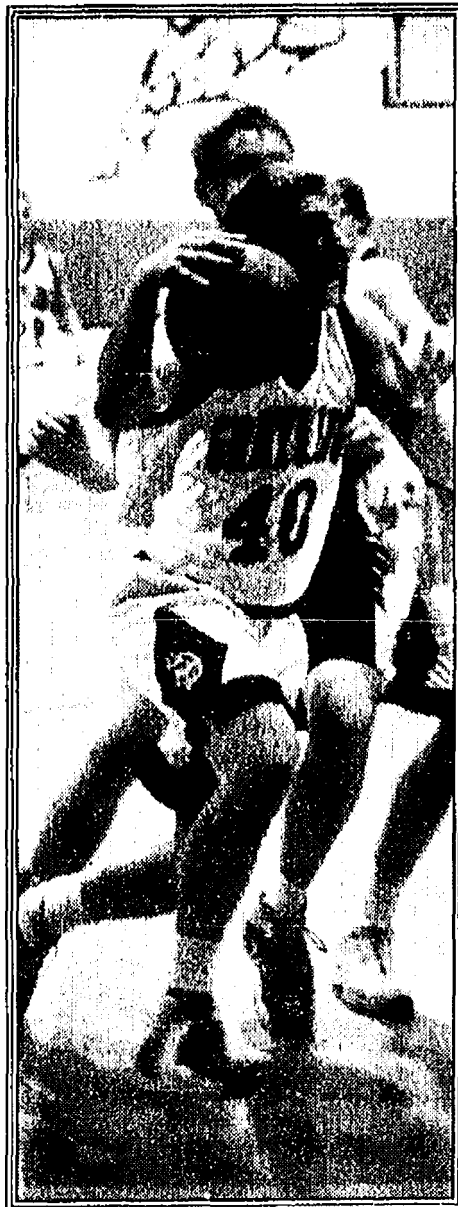


R.J. Schmidt



LARRY BAYNHAM

6'0" Senior Forward #40



Baynham, a physical player and a leader on the floor, is one of Grayling's best rebounders. An aggressive post player, Baynham is a threat to score inside and is a solid defender. He is a returning varsity letterman.



Larry Baynham



NICK D'AMOUR

5'8" Senior Guard #20



D'Amour is a good shooter, passer, and ballhandler. One of Grayling's starting guards, he is also an aggressive defender and an outside shot threat. D'Amour, a senior, is in his third year of varsity basketball at Grayling.



Nick D'Amour



RYAN SWOPE

6'0" Senior Forward #50



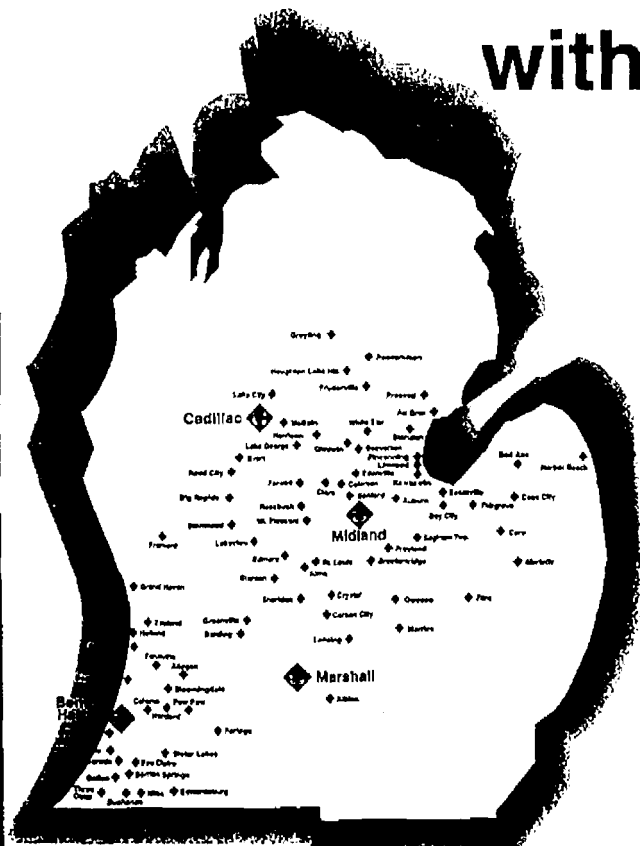
One of Grayling's most aggressive players, Swope is a scrappy defender and a good rebounder that plays with a lot of hustle. He is solid at the free throw line and a threat to score inside. He is a returning letterman.



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5'4" Freshman Guard #33



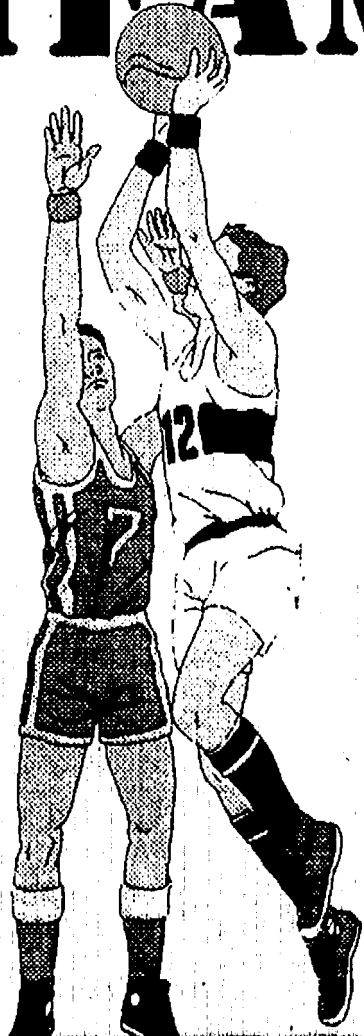
Tobin, a freshman, has successfully made the jump from 8th grade ball to the varsity level. He is a playmaker and a solid outside shooter with good defensive skills and quickness. Tobin is one of Grayling's best ball handlers.



Gibson Tobin



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For area high school basketball teams (and their fans), March Madness starts with the District Tournaments, the first round of play-offs. Teams that win advance to the next game, and teams that are defeated are finished for the season.

Every year, The Crawford County Avalanche salutes March Madness with a special portion of the sports section devoted entirely to the varsity basketball team just prior to the start of Districts.

The Vikings will start post-season play with a District semi-final match against Gaylord or Cheboygan on Wednesday, March 6, at 8 p.m. at Kalkaska Middle School.

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WES FOX

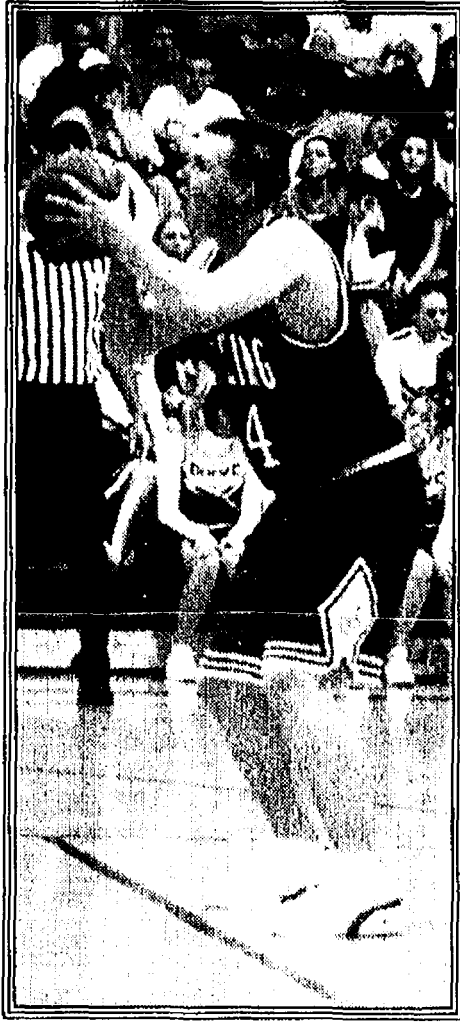
6'0" Senior Guard #44



Fox, a good passer and a threat to pull up and score jump shots or three-pointers, is also a solid defender. He brings size and depth to the guard position for Grayling. Fox is a returning letterman.



Wes Fox



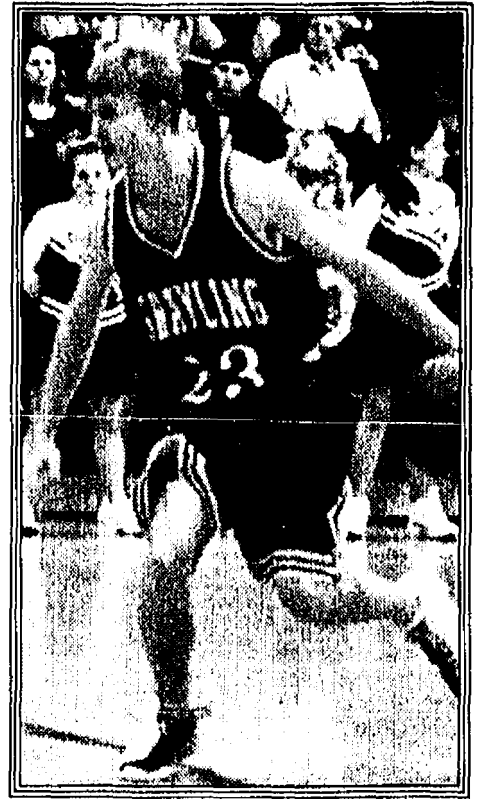
SCOTT LATUSEK

5'7" Senior Guard #23

Grayling's quickest player, Latusek is always a threat to post a steal or deflection on defense and provides GHS with a lot of hustle. He is also a solid three-point shooter. Latusek is a returning letterman.



Scott Latusek



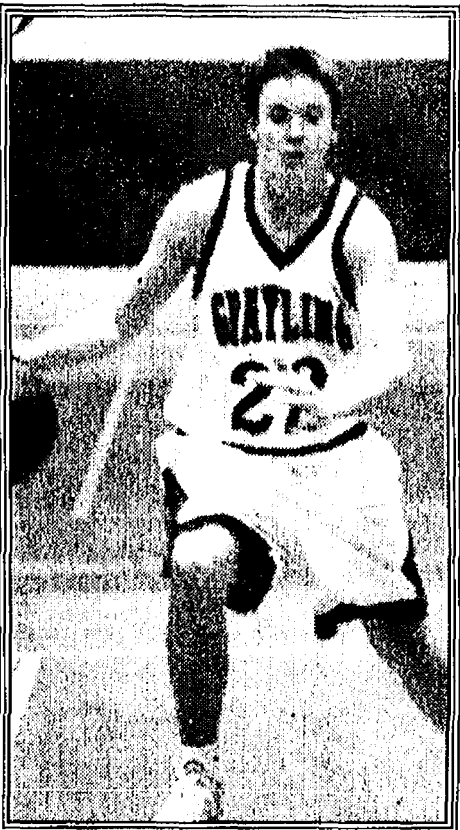
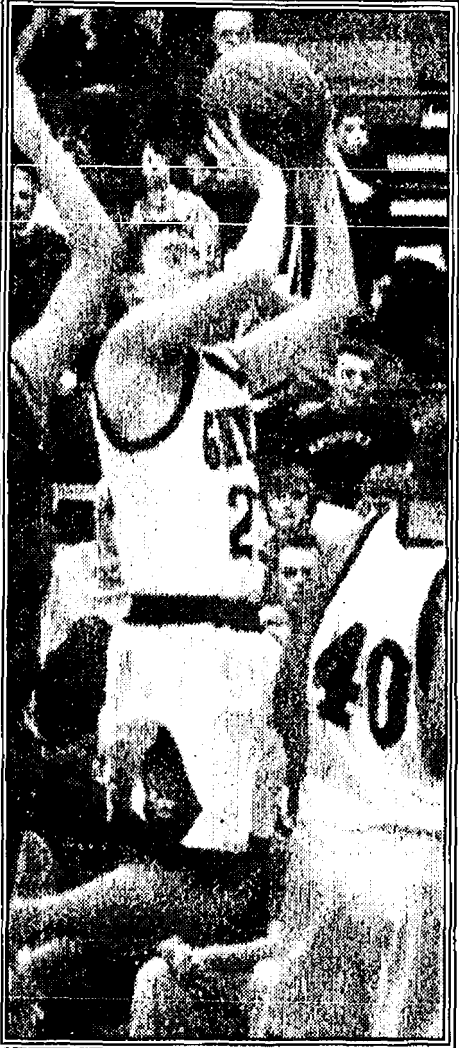
CHET WHEELER

6'0" Senior Guard #22

Wheeler, back in action after being sidelined early in the season, gives Grayling strong outside shooting and ball handling skills at the guard position. Wheeler, a senior, did not play last year.



Chet Wheeler



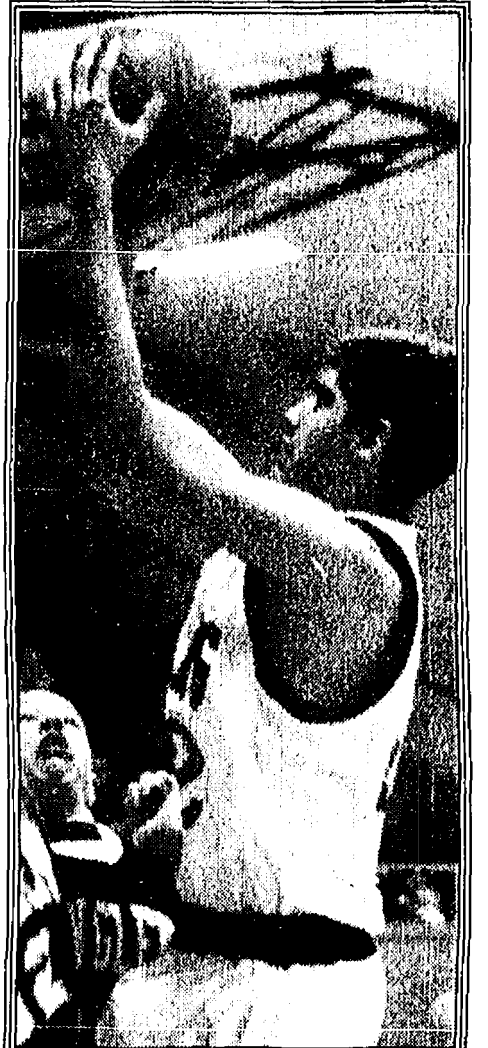
JOE LANGE

6'2" Sophomore Forward #42

Lange is a good post player and shot-blocker who gives Grayling quality minutes at forward or center. Lange, a good rebounder, was moved up from the freshman team to JV late last year, then brought up to varsity for Districts.



Joe Lange



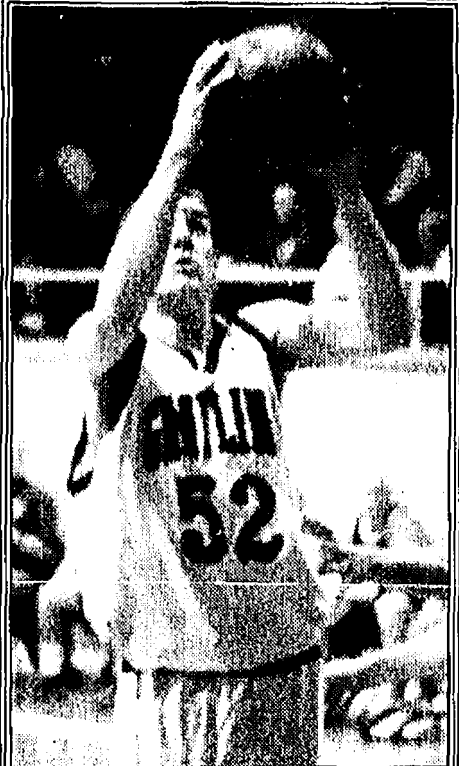
NATE FRANKINA

6'3" Senior Center #52

Frankina brings size and solid shooting skills to Grayling's inside game. He has been injured on and off this season, limiting his floor time, but has been playing lately. Frankina, a senior, did not play ball last season.



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Grayling slips to third in NEMC race

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Grayling's 14 points included two drives by Schmidt, shots inside by D'Amour and Baynham, a three-pointer by Gibson Tobin, and free throws by Baynham and Tobin.

The Braves led 32-16 at halftime. Tawas scored a triple to open the third quarter, then Grayling put together a 16-1 run to take a 42-36 lead. The run, which spanned about five minutes of clock time, included (in order): a steal and lay-up by D'Amour, a put-back by Swope, a jumper by Schmidt, a shot inside by Baynham, a put-back by Schmidt, a shot inside by Baynham, a put-back by Baynham, and a lay-up by Schmidt on an assist from Tobin.

The Braves hit a three-pointer at the 2:21 mark to pull within three. Grayling scored on a shot inside by Baynham, assisted by Schmidt, and a jump shot by Schmidt to take a seven-point lead. Tawas scored a triple and the last basket of the third quarter to leave Grayling's advantage at two, 46-44, going into the fourth quarter.

Schmidt converted a three-pointer for Grayling to start the fourth. Tawas answered with a triple. A put-back by Nate Frankina put the Vikings up by four. Tawas scored a bucket to pull within two. Two free throws by Baynham put Grayling back up by four.

Tawas scored a three-point shot with 5:57 left in the game to cut Grayling's lead to one. A free throw

North East Michigan Conference

VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league record	overall record
Standish Sterling	9-4	11-7
Tawas	9-4	11-8
Oscoda	8-5	10-8
GRAYLING	7-6	9-9
Pinconning	6-7	9-10
John Glenn	6-7	7-11
Ogemaw Heights	5-8	5-13
Gladwin	2-11	3-15

NEMC standings compiled by
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by Chet Wheeler and a put-back by Swope gave GHS a four-point edge, 56-52.

Tawas scored a jumper to pull within two. Two free throws by Tawas tied the game at 56-56 with 3:50 left in regulation.

A two-point bucket and a triple gave the Braves a 61-57 lead with 2:35 remaining.

Grayling turned the ball over and Tawas gave it right back. Grayling missed a three-point try, Tawas rebounded, then turned the ball over. The Vikings missed another shot, Tawas rebounded, and Grayling fouled to stop the clock at 0:48. The Braves hit both free throws to take a 62-57 lead.

D'Amour hit a triple for Grayling with 35 seconds left to pull GHS within striking distance, 63-60.

Tawas missed its next shot and Baynham came down with the rebound. After a Grayling timeout, the Vikings got two shots off from three-point territory but neither went in. Tawas rebounded the second miss, and Grayling fouled but only one second remained. Tawas hit both free throws, resulting in a final score of Tawas 65, Grayling 60.

"Our team competed hard throughout this game," said Coach Rich Moffitt. "I was pleased with our improved work on the boards, however we gave up eight offensive

boards and that is way too many. We also had 12 turnovers in the first quarter." See "GRAYLING SLIPS..."

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ADAM KAISER

6'0" Junior Guard #32



Kaiser is a good ball handler and shooter who has steadily improved this year. He helps provide good depth at the guard position for Grayling. Kaiser, a stand-out on last year's JV squad, is in his first year of varsity ball.



Adam Kaiser



CHRIS WAKELEY

5'11" Junior Guard #10



Wakeley is a scrappy defender and a good out-side shooter. He is a solid ball handler and passer. Wakeley, one of the JV team's best players last year, is in his first season of varsity basketball.



Chris Wakeley



ROGER ALVAREZ

6'0" Junior Forward #55



A solid presence in the key, Alvarez is a good rebounder and defender and a threat to score inside shots and jumpers for Grayling's offense. Alvarez moved to Grayling from Lansing, and is new to the program this year.

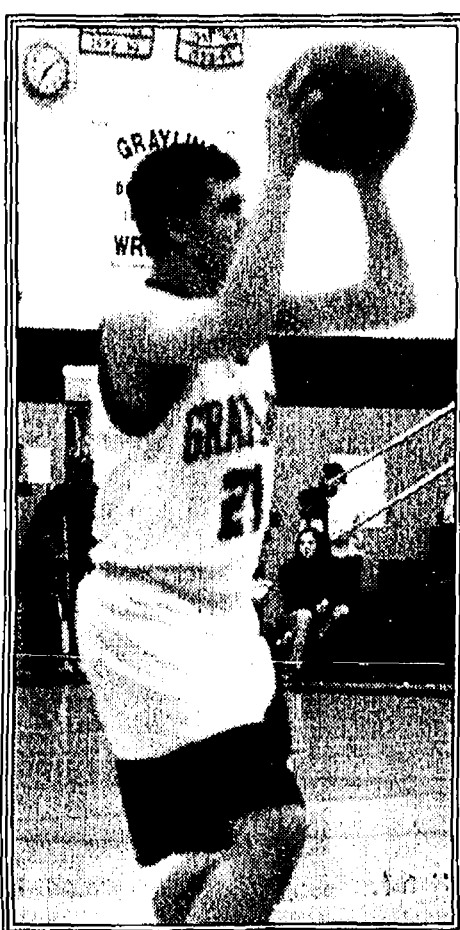


Roger Alvarez



ROY CZAPEK

6'1" Sophomore Forward



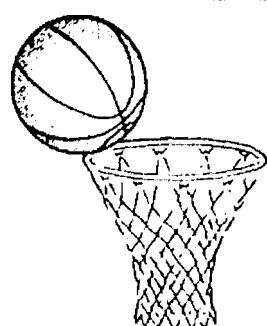
Czapek, a forward, is being moved up to varsity from the junior varsity team for the District tournament and play-offs. He is a strong shooter and a solid post player on a very good JV team. The JV Vikings are 15-2 as of last Friday.



Roy Czapek



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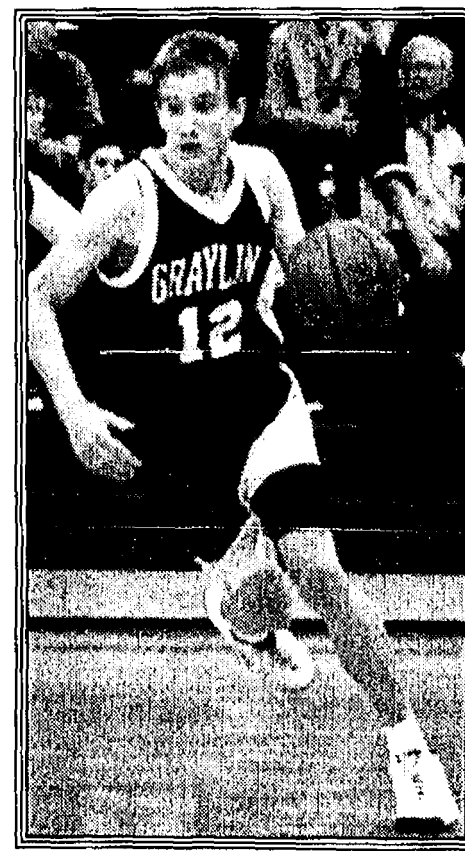
TRAVIS GILDNER

6'0" Sophomore Forward

Gildner is one of two players being moved up from JV to varsity for play-offs. He is one of the junior varsity squad's best players, a good shooter and rebounder and an aggressive defender. He is also a solid ball handler at the forward spot.



Travis Gildner



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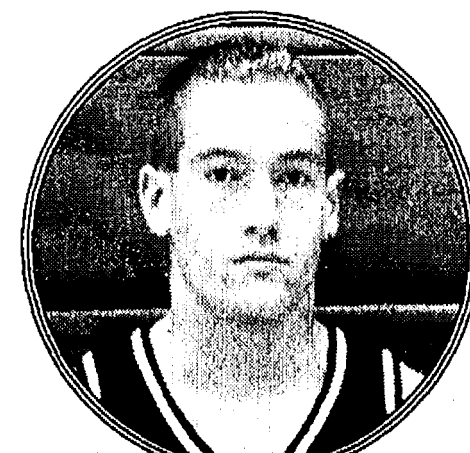


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MIKE HALE

5'8" Senior Guard #11

Hale has seen very limited duty this year due to injury. He is not expected to be ready for the District Tournament. Hale is a senior that did not play ball last season.



Mike Hale

Grayling slips to third in NEMC race

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half which led to several easy baskets by Tawas. Our kids showed a lot of character, battling back in various situations."

Moffit said his team needs to work on "limiting offensive boards, getting to the free throw line, limiting turnovers, defending the three-point line, and executing offensive sets in game situations."

Schmidt was the leading scorer for Grayling with 23 points. Baynam had 13 points and led the rebounding effort for GHS with eight boards. D'Amour added 10 points. Swope had six points and six rebounds. Tobin finished with eight assists.

The Vikings play at Oscoda on Friday, March 1. The match is the last regular season game for Grayling and is the team's conference finale.

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(Left) The 2001-02 GHS freshman boys basketball team: (front row, left to right) Adam Gilbert, James Haven, D.J. Metzger, Tyler Cragg, T. J. Luke; (back row, left to right) Tim Umlor, Matt Swope, Russell Peters, Nick Terry, Josh Millikin, Josh Hinkle, Coach Joe Mau.

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9th graders survive Gaylord 68-64

► Freshman boys basketball team fends off second half run by Blue Devils

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School freshman boys basketball team survived a second half run by Gaylord last Wednesday in Grayling to beat the visiting Blue Devils 68-64.

The Vikings led for almost the entire game, but the Blue Devils didn't give up and nearly stole the game in the fourth quarter after catching up in the third.

Grayling scored the first points of the game on a lay-up by Tyler Cragg. Gaylord tied the contest with two free throws. A 5-0 run - including a shot inside by Matt Swope on an assist from Josh Hinkle, a fast break lay-up by Gaylord cut Grayling's advantage to one.

A jump shot by Josh Millikin and a put-back by Swope put the Vikings up by five, 11-6. A triple by Hinkle at the 2:40 mark gave Grayling a 14-8 lead. A shot inside by Swope and a jumper by Tim Umlor gave the Vikings a total of 18 points for the first quarter.

Grayling led 18-12 going into the second period.

The Blue Devils edged Grayling 16-15 in the second quarter. The Vikings scored their 16 points on (in order) a drive and a put-back by Hinkle, a put-back and a short jump shot by Swope, a jumper by Millikin, two free throws by Metzger, a jumper by Swope, and a free throw by Ryan Schmidt.

The Vikings led 33-28 at half-time.

In a back-and-forth third quarter, Grayling went up by as many as 10 then Gaylord fought back to pull within two at the conclusion of the period.

The Vikings opened the second half with a drive by Hinkle. Two

free throws by Swope put Grayling up 37-29. Gaylord scored the next two buckets to cut the Grayling lead to four, 37-33. A 6-0 run by Grayling - including a jump shot by Millikin, two free throws by Hinkle, and a lay-up by Hinkle - put the Vikings up by 10 with 4:00 left in the third quarter.

Gaylord scored the next two baskets to pull within six. A shot inside by Millikin put the Vikings up by eight. Gaylord outscored Grayling 6-0 in the last 2:00 of the quarter, and trailed by only two points going into the fourth period.

Grayling scored first in the fourth on two free throws by Swope. A bucket by Gaylord cut Grayling's lead back down to two. A three-point play by Hinkle put the Vikings up by five. Two free throws by Gaylord at the 6:23 mark pulled the Blue Devils to within three.

An 8-0 run by Grayling put the Vikings up by 11 with about five minutes left in the fourth quarter. The run included a three-pointer by Metzger, a free throw by Swope, a fast break lay-up by Schmidt, and a shot inside by Schmidt on a pass from Metzger following a steal.

Gaylord hit the next two baskets to shrink Grayling's advantage to seven with about 3:30 left in regulation.

Two free throws by Metzger on a one and one opportunity and a shot inside by Swope put the Vikings up by nine.

The Blue Devils scored a triple at the 2:25 mark. A shot inside by Millikin and a shot inside by Hinkle gave the Vikings their biggest lead of the game - 12 - with 1:50 remaining in regulation.

A couple untimely fouls helped Gaylord get back in the game. The Blue Devils converted two free throws at the 1:24 mark, then got the ball back. The Vikings were called for a foul on a three-point shot, and Gaylord hit two of the three resulting free throws. Grayling turned the ball over and committed another foul on a three-point attempt. The Devils hit two of three from the free throw line to pull

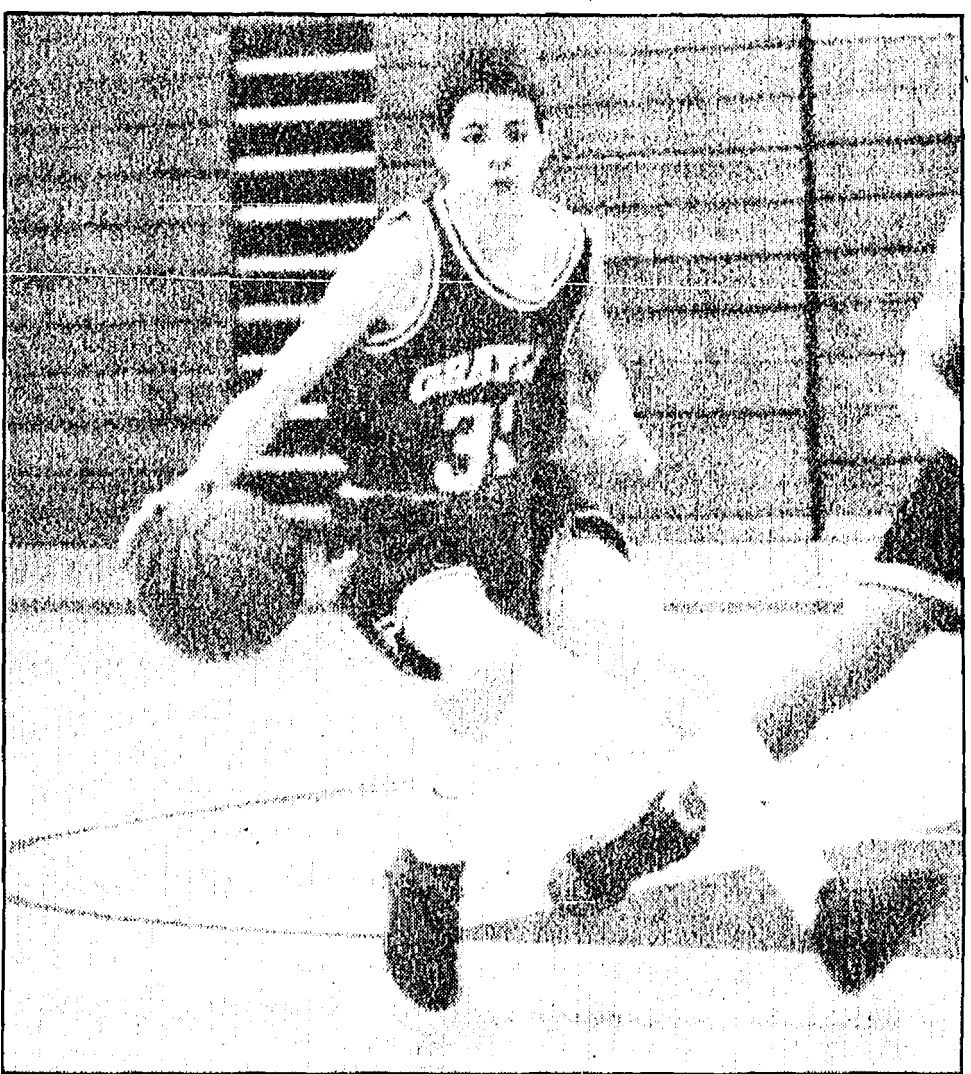


Photo by Caleb Casey

Ryan Schmidt handles the ball for Grayling in last Monday's game vs. Gaylord. The Vikings won the match 68-64.

within six, 66-60, with 0:55 left in regulation.

Grayling fouled to stop the clock. Metzger hit one of two at the line to make it a three possession game for Gaylord. Grayling led 67-60 with 43 seconds left in the game.

The Blue Devils scored a quick basket, got the ball back, and converted a put-back to cut Grayling's lead to three. Gaylord fouled, stopping the clock at 0:22. Hinkle hit one of two free throws to put Grayling up by four and leave Gaylord needing at least two possessions to win.

The Vikings stole the ball, then turned it over. Gaylord had 11 seconds to work with, but couldn't convert and finally turned the ball over with one second left.

Grayling held on to win by a final score of 68-64.

Hinkle and Swope were the scor-

ing leaders for Grayling with 19 points apiece. Metzger and Millikin each finished with 10.

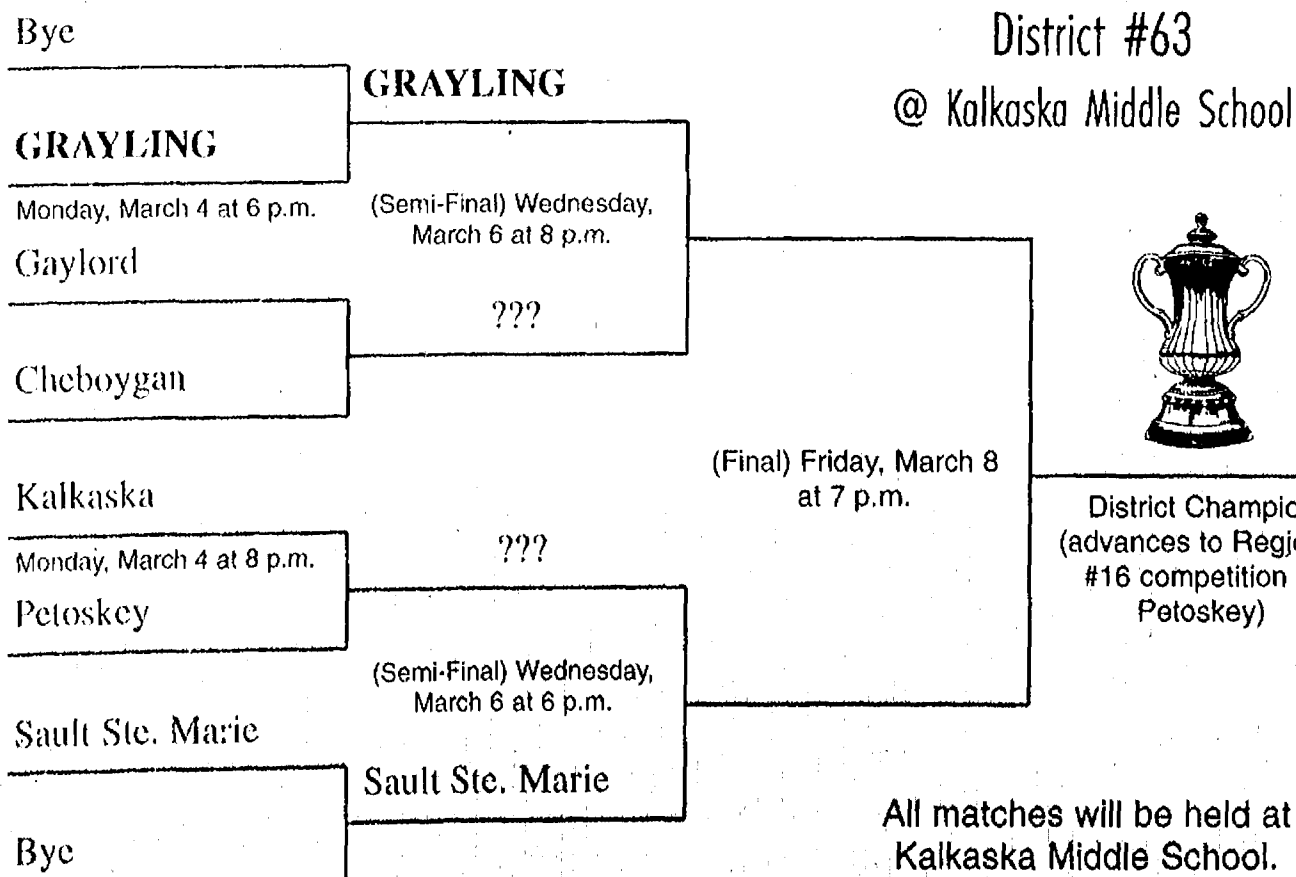
The freshman team ends its 2002 season with a home game against Roscommon on Wednesday, February 27, at 6 p.m.

GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES
by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.
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Vikings draw a first round bye in Districts

2002 Boys Basketball District Tournament



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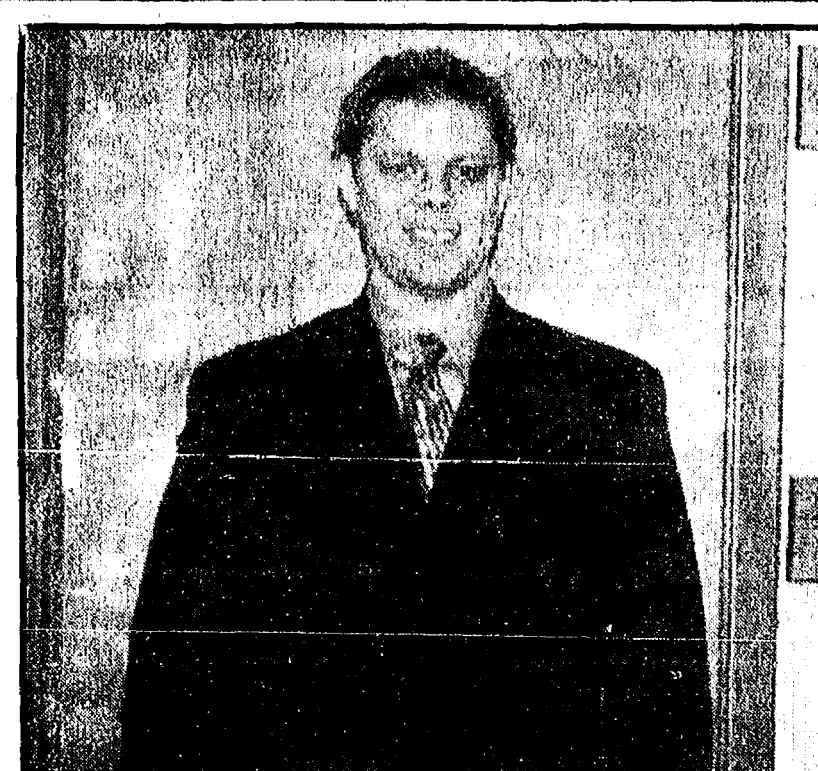
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JV Vikings defeat Blue Devils, Braves

► Junior varsity
squad moves to 15-2
with wins over
Gaylord, Tawas

The Vikings of Grayling High School won two more junior varsity basketball games last week, extending the team's current win streak to 10 games and improving the squad's overall record to 15-2.

On Tuesday, the Vikings defeated the Blue Devils of Gaylord 59-48 at Gaylord.

The game was tied 12-12 after one quarter of play, and Gaylord had a five-point edge at halftime, 27-22. A strong third quarter, in which Grayling outscored Gaylord 25-9, helped propel the Vikings to victory.

"It was a tough first half," said Coach Butch Hayes. "We were down five and came out strong in the third. We had a very good team effort throughout the whole game."

Andy Strohpaul was the scoring leader for Grayling with 18 points. Roy Czapke scored 15. Travis Gildner and Joe Zelek each finished with 11 points.

On Friday, the Vikings fought through foul trouble, finishing the game with only four players on the floor, in a 64-57 victory over the Braves of Tawas in Grayling.

The game was tied at 12-12 after one quarter, then Grayling exploded for 27 second period points to lead 39-25 at halftime.

Tawas fought back with a 16-11 third period to cut Grayling's lead to nine (50-41) going into the fourth quarter.

The Braves hit a triple to open the

fourth quarter, then hit a shot inside to pull within four.

A shot inside by Roy Czapke and a jumper by Travis Gildner put Grayling up by eight. A jump shot by Gildner and a bucket by Ryan Davis gave Grayling an 11-point lead, 58-47, with 2:47 left in regulation.

At the 2:30 mark, Chad Helsel fouled out, leaving Andy Strohpaul, Davis, Gildner, and Phil Armstrong the only four players for Grayling. Joe Zelek, Czapke, and Greg Morrill had all fouled out earlier.

Two free throws pulled Tawas to within nine. The Braves fouled, and Grayling missed both free throws. Gildner blocked a Tawas shot, grabbed a rebound, and dished off. The Braves fouled Davis, who converted both free throws to give the Vikings a 60-49 advantage with 1:45 left in the game.

Gildner rebounded a Tawas miss from three-point land and was quickly fouled. He hit one of two free throws to put Grayling up 61-49.

Armstrong rebounded a Tawas miss and was fouled. He hit one of two free throws to give Grayling a 13-point lead.

Tawas hit a triple at the 0:52 mark to cut Grayling's lead to 10. Tawas' full court pressure forced a turnover and the Braves scored a bucket inside to pull within eight.

A fast break lay-up by Davis gave Grayling a 64-54 lead with 30 seconds left in the game.

Tawas hit a triple with seven seconds left in regulation, but time ran out before either team could score again.

Grayling won 64-57.

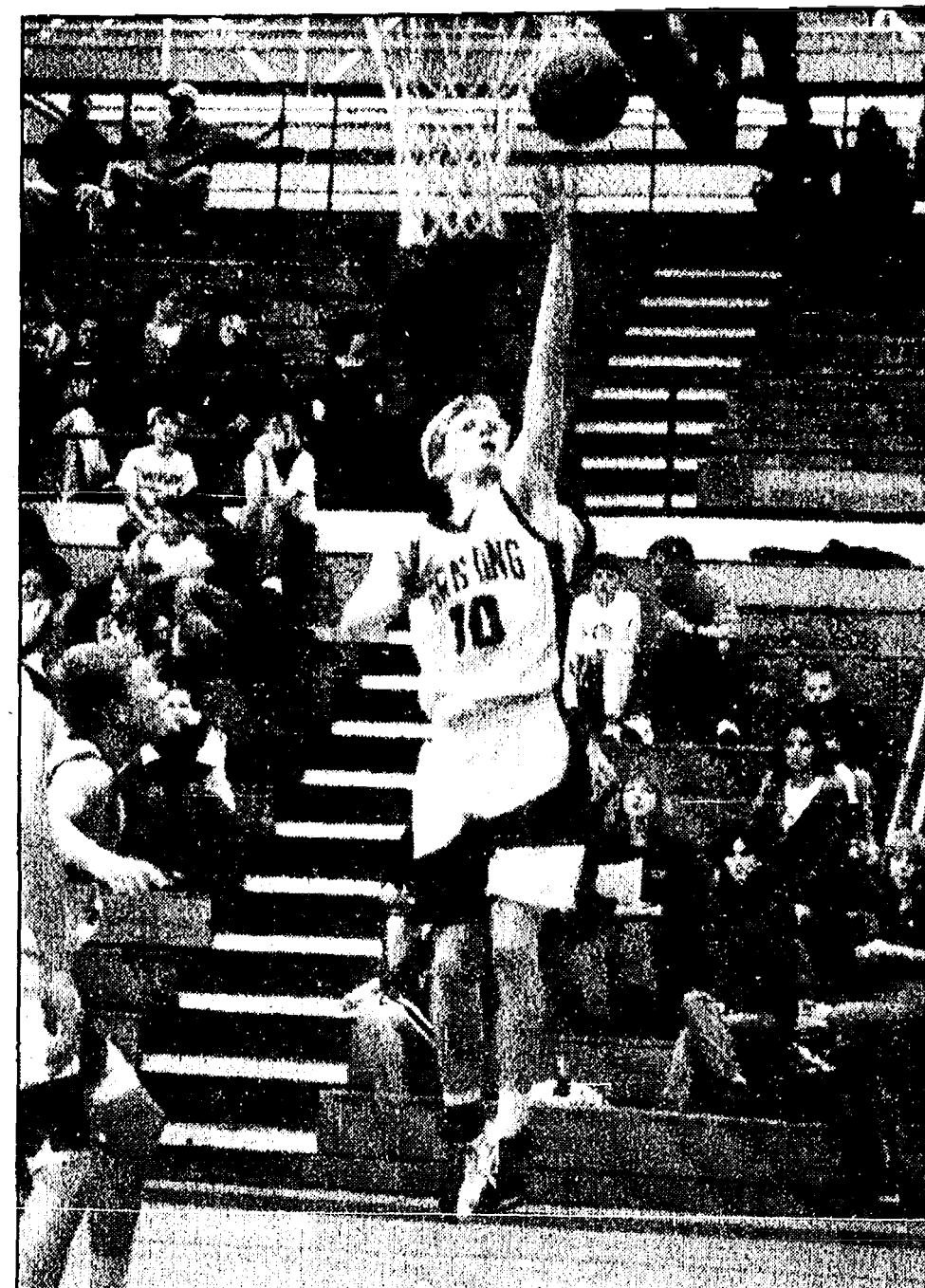


Photo by Caleb Casey

Chad Helsel drives in for a lay-up against Tawas last Friday.

Czapke was the high scorer for Grayling with 18 points. Gildner finished with 15.

"We started out on an even pace and then had a good second quarter," Coach Hayes said. "We played with good intensity. We did not

shoot well from the line (7 for 20) but we made some key ones at the end. The kids showed a lot of class and character in a tough game."

The Vikings wrap up their 2002 season with a game at Oscoda on Friday, March 1.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Seniors

Grayling Pharmacy . . . 55 1/2, 36 1/2
Cornell Insurance . . . 40 1/2, 41 1/2
Buccilli's Pizza . . . 48 -44
Spike's Keg O'Nails . . . 47 1/2, 44 1/2
Flowers by Josie . . . 44 -48

Sylvester's Sport . . . 41 -51
Hall Snow Removal . . . 40 1/2, 51 1/2
Baynham Wood Products . . . 40 -52
High Game Men: G. Wolfe, 222; K. Harris, 212; B. Hollis, 210.

High Series Men: K. Harris, 576; A. Smith, 538; L. Crampton, 523.
High Game Women: M. Baker, 191; D. Hall, 181; J. Miller, 166.
High Series Women: J. Miller, 452; P. Harris, 451; M. Baker, 451.

National First

Hellebuyck Masonry . . . 33 -16
Faustman's Insurance . . . 33 -16
Denholm Chiropractic . . . 24 -25
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 23 -26
Legion Lanes . . . 23 -26
AuSable Construction . . . 22 -27
Northern White Tail Ranch . . . 21 -28
Miller's Production . . . 17 -32
High Game: D. Canfield, 268; G. Goniwicha, 250; G. Wolfe, 246.
High Series: D. Canfield, 678; P. Faustman, 669; G. Goniwicha, 664.

American Men's League

McLeans ACE . . . 26 -16
Barber Construction . . . 25 -17
Fenton's Auto Service . . . 24 -18

Forrest Brothers . . . 23 -19
North Woods Land Co. . . 22 -20
Scheer Motors . . . 21 -21
CSI Industrial Systems . . . 16 -26
Moore's Automotive . . . 11 -31
High Game: T. Kotrash, 246; D. Canfield, 232; L. Davis, 231.
High Series: T. Kotrash, 621; L. Davis, 616; L. Davis Jr., 597.

Triangle League

Deane Systems . . . 23 -9
Moshier Auto Repair . . . 18 -14
Stitches by Sue . . . 17 -15
Sawmill Tavern . . . 16 -16
Ghost Team . . . 16 -16
Barber Construction . . . 14 -18
Gray Rock Cafe . . . 13 -19
Central Michigan Painting . . . 11 -21
High Game: T. Devins, 268; J. Robideau, 237; J. Arwood, 236.
High Series: T. Devins, 629; J. Robideau, 615; J. Arwood, 612.

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Moshier Auto Repairs . . . 49 -21
R & M Masonry . . . 46 -24
Wakeley's Auto Parts . . . 35 -35
McDonald's . . . 32 -38
Helsel Brother's . . . 29 -41
Waste Management . . . 29 -41
Custom Interior . . . 29 -41
Jack's . . . 26 -44

YOUTH BOWLING

Senior League

Thrasher Sharks . . . 14-10
Surfer Dudes Bikini Babe . . . 13-11
Beach Bums . . . 09-15
Life Guards . . . 09-15
Hammerheads . . . 06-18
Beached Whales . . . 05-19
Tidal Waves . . . 05-19
Extreme Heat . . . 02-22
Boys High Game: T. Gildner, 187; S. Gildner, 184; G. Cousins, 181.
Boys High Series: G. Cousins, 482; T. Gildner, 461; K. Roman, 458.
Girls High Game: B. Yaniello, 180; S. Helsel, 110; A. Yaniello, 109.
Girls High Series: B. Yaniello, 451; S. Helsel, 287; A. Yaniello, 285.

Pee Wee League

Starfish . . . 06-06
Snails . . . 04-08
Dolphin . . . 04-08
Shrimps . . . 02-10
Boys High Game and Series: J.

Hoover, 82; E. Helsel, 50; M. Holton, 45.
Girls High Game and Series: K. Crouch, 55; O. Dikin, 3.

Junior League

Mer-People . . . 09-09
Coconuts . . . 08-10
Hawaiian Punch . . . 07-11
Sharks . . . 05-13
Palm Trees . . . 04-14
Sea Horses . . . 03-15
Boys High Game: T. Hanson, 124; J. Helsel, 96; C. Davis, 94.
Boys High Series: T. Hanson, 221; J. Helsel, 191; A. Love, 171.
Girls High Game: C. Hanson, 104; L. Argue, 61; A. Hoover, 61.
Girls High Series: C. Hanson, 189; L. Argue, 115; A. Hoover, 109.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Sawmill II . . . 170
Spikes . . . 158
Frederic Inn . . . 147
Swamp II . . . 144
Legion . . . 132
Plaza . . . 130
Holiday Inn . . . 118
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Vikings win runner-up trophies at Snowsnake

► Girls take 2nd, boys finish 3rd at Mt. Pleasant Invitational meet

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams both took runner-up trophies at the Bryan Langlois Invitational hosted by Mt. Pleasant at Snowsnake on February 19.

The girls team was close to winning it all with freshman Mallory Olson leading a comeback in giant slalom (GS). Olson placed 1st, Kelly Jansen was 3rd, Andria Alvarez took 8th, and Lesley Gilbert finished 16th in the GS race. The Vikings defeated first-place Clare 28-35 in GS but lost slalom 27-42.

Clare won 70-62 overall.

In slalom, Olson placed 7th, Jansen was 8th, Alvarez took 10th, and Gilbert finished 17th. Kassie McClain finished 25th in GS and 30th in slalom; Heather Vandecar was disqualified in slalom and placed 23rd in GS.

Grayling's boys team placed behind Mt. Pleasant and Clare to win the second runner-up plaque. The team was led by senior Keil Clough, who placed 6th in slalom and 4th in GS. Ben McNally finished 17th in slalom and 9th in GS. Eric Hart was 15th and 16th; Pat McNally placed 22nd in slalom and 10th in GS; Eric Hunter placed 19th in slalom and 20th in GS; Trevor Clough finished 21st in GS and Jim Jansen was 23rd in slalom out of 53 competitors.



(Left) Mallory Olson skis at Snowsnake on Tuesday. Olson placed 1st in giant slalom at the invitational meet. (Above) Kelly Jansen competes in the Mt. Pleasant Invitational.

Ski teams end '02 with Grayling Invitational

► Twice-postponed Burger King Invitational held at Hanson Hills

Weather was a factor in the 2002 ski season, causing many delays and postponed meets. The third try was the charm for the twice-postponed Burger King Invitational, which was finally held at Hanson Hills on Friday, February 22. The sun came out, and snow conditions were perfect for racing.

The teams enjoyed a good race, medals, and meals provided by Grayling's Burger King. Grayling and Roscommon participated in the event, Farwell canceled.

Top skiers in slalom (girls) were: Mallory Olson, 1st; Kelly Jansen, 2nd; Heather Vandecar, 3rd; Danielle Scott, 4th; Andria Alvarez,

5th; Mandy Scott, 6th; Alyson Diola, 7th; Sarah Bradley, 8th; Meghan Carr, 9th; Kassie McClain, 10th; Lesley Gilbert, 11th; Debbie Lawrence, 12th.

Giant slalom was won by Jansen, followed by Olson, 2nd; Alvarez, 3rd; Danielle Scott, 4th; Gilbert, 5th; Diola, 6th; Bradley, 7th; Vandecar, 8th; Mandy Scott, 9th; McClain, 10th; Lawrence, 11th; Krol, 12th.

Grayling's girls won the meet 22-51.

In the boys competition, Keil Clough was a double winner, placing first in both races. Ben McNally placed 2nd in slalom and 3rd in GS; Eric Hart was 6th and 2nd; Jim Jansen was 3rd in slalom; Jon Handy placed 4th in slalom; Trevor Clough took 5th in GS; Anthony Neal placed 6th in GS; Pat McNally disqualified in slalom and finished 4th in GS.

Roscommon's boys team was led by Klaus Eisbrenner (5th and 7th), Jeff Hutchins (8th and 8th), Greg Neville (7th and 9th), and Bryn Thomas (9th and 10th).

Grayling's boys team won the meet 20-63.

The Burger King Invitational was Grayling's last ski meet of the 2002 season.

Hanson Hills to host cross country ski races

► Michigan Cup Marathon and HH Challenge to be held on March 2-3

The annual Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Challenge Classical cross country ski races will be held on Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3, at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park in Grayling.

The events, originally scheduled for January 12-13, were postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions.

The Michigan Cup Marathon is a 30km freestyle race through beautiful, hilly terrain. A 15km women's

and junior's races will be on different courses.

The Marathon races will be held on Saturday with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and mass starts beginning at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, the Hanson Hills Classical races will begin with interval starts at 10 a.m. behind the Little Smokey cross country ski building. Sunday race lengths are 6km and 12km.

The Michigan Cup Marathon weekend brings approximately 300 athletes to Grayling for the Michigan Cup Series race.

For more information or to register, contact Grayling Recreation Authority at (989) 348-9266 or visit GRA's website:

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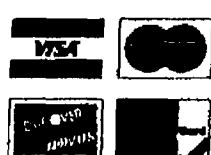
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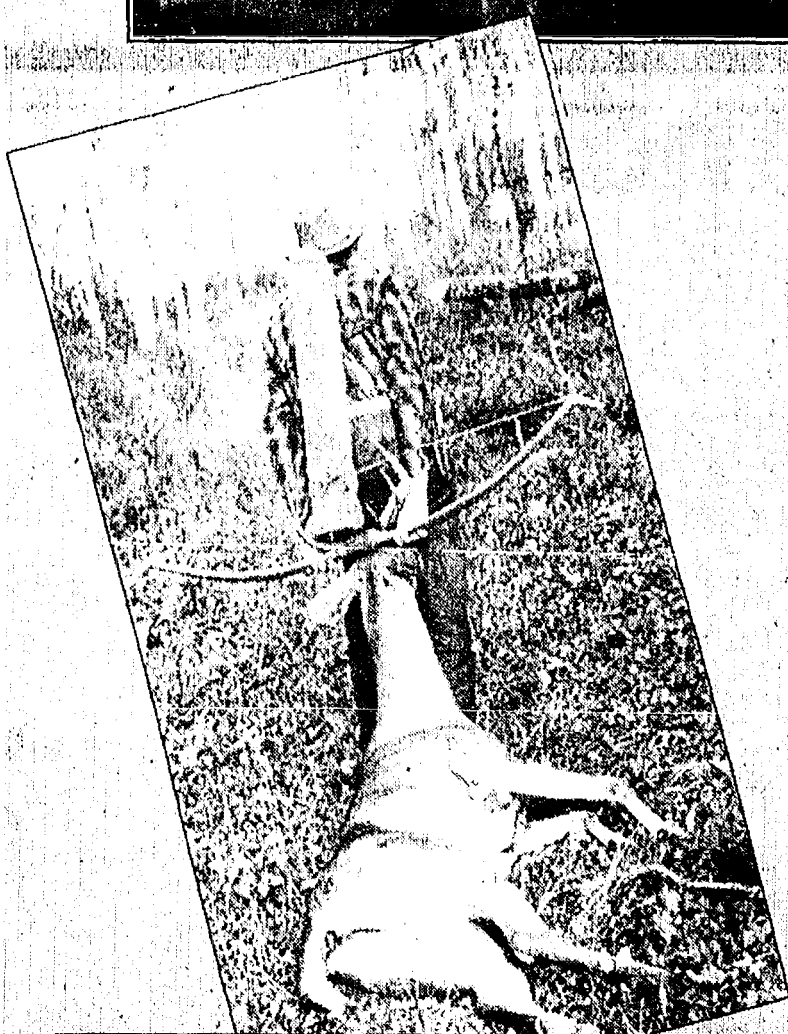


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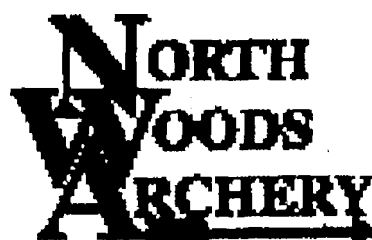
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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago March 1, 1979

A recent local flu outbreak, complicated by a confirmed case of Reyes Syndrome, a rare but sometimes fatal after-effect has closed the Crawford-AuSable School System for at least a six-day school period. February 23rd through March 2nd. According to the School Superintendent, Dr. William Diedrich, schools in the Crawford AuSable system will be closed until Monday, March 5th.

Diedrich in consultation with the District Health Department made the decision to continue the school closure beyond Wednesday of this week. Student absenteeism, hovering in the neighborhood of 20%, complicated by the Reyes Syndrome, prompted school officials to take the necessary precautionary measure. A decision had previously been reached last week to close school until Wednesday of this week but an analysis of the local medical situation strongly suggested the necessity of extending the school closure. A tremendous expansion in church growth over the past three years plus positive projections for membership increases in the future has prompted the congregation of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church to undertake a building project which will result in the construction of a new facility some two miles north of town. At a congregational meeting held February 18, final building plans were unanimously approved. The new structure will consist of some 7400 sq.

feet including sanctuary, narthex, multi-use classrooms and office facilities.

46 Years Ago March 1, 1956

All plans and specifications for the new million-dollar Grayling Mercy Hospital have been complete and are under study this week by the State Office of Hospital Construction and Planning in Lansing and also by the Federal Government office in Chicago. A meeting is planned in Detroit next week between Federal and State officials as well as the architect and representatives of local planning committee. If the plans and specifications are approved both by the State and Federal government offices, the construction will be offered for bids at once. If no hold up occurs, ground will probably be broken for the new hospital on or before May first.

Monday evening of last week, the Grayling Bowhunters held a public meeting at Wert's Lone Pine Restaurant. The meeting was well attended by club members and by members of Crawford County Chamber of Commerce and the Grayling Sportsmen's Club. Plans were completed and committees chosen for the First Annual AuSable Bowfishing Carnival, to be held this Spring. This event is to be jointly sponsored by the Bowhunters, Sportsmen's Club and Chamber.

Indoor archery practice range at the new high school gym was completed last week. Materials for a protective backstop and targets were

kindly donated by Fred Bear of the Bear Archery Company, and were installed Thursday night. We wish to repeat that this range will be for all who are interested, whether club members or not. Beginners will be welcomed and given assistance.

69 Years Ago March 2, 1933

It's tournament time in the ranks of Michigan High School basketball teams and this weekend hundreds of aggregations will gather at fifty points in the state to open the firing that will eventually return champions in the four classes of schools. This city has been named as the scene of a district tournament. It means that large numbers of players and their followers will gather to witness the games. Not only will the winning team here receive usual mention and material recognition in the way of trophies, but will be permitted to move on to the Regionals next week. It is the first step leading to the championships which are to be held in Lansing two weeks hence.

Roscommon staged another of their popular independent basketball tournaments last Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and Grayling's own Lumberjacks brought home the championship trophy for the second year in succession. Too, Elmer Neal of the home team, was the lucky winner of a gold basketball charm in the free throwing contest. He was successful in getting 13 out of 15 tries. More honors came to Grayling in the total number of points made by local players during the tournament. Hendrickson was second on the list, making 34 points, while Elmer Neal was there with 31 points and Harrison registered 29

points. Paul Ziebell has been appointed to take care of the duties of the secretary of the Crawford County Unemployment commission owing to Ray Holmberg, the regular secretary, being confined to his home with illness.

The new elevator for the Mercy Hospital arrived Wednesday, and as soon as work is finished on the elevator shaft it will be installed.

92 Years Ago March 3, 1910

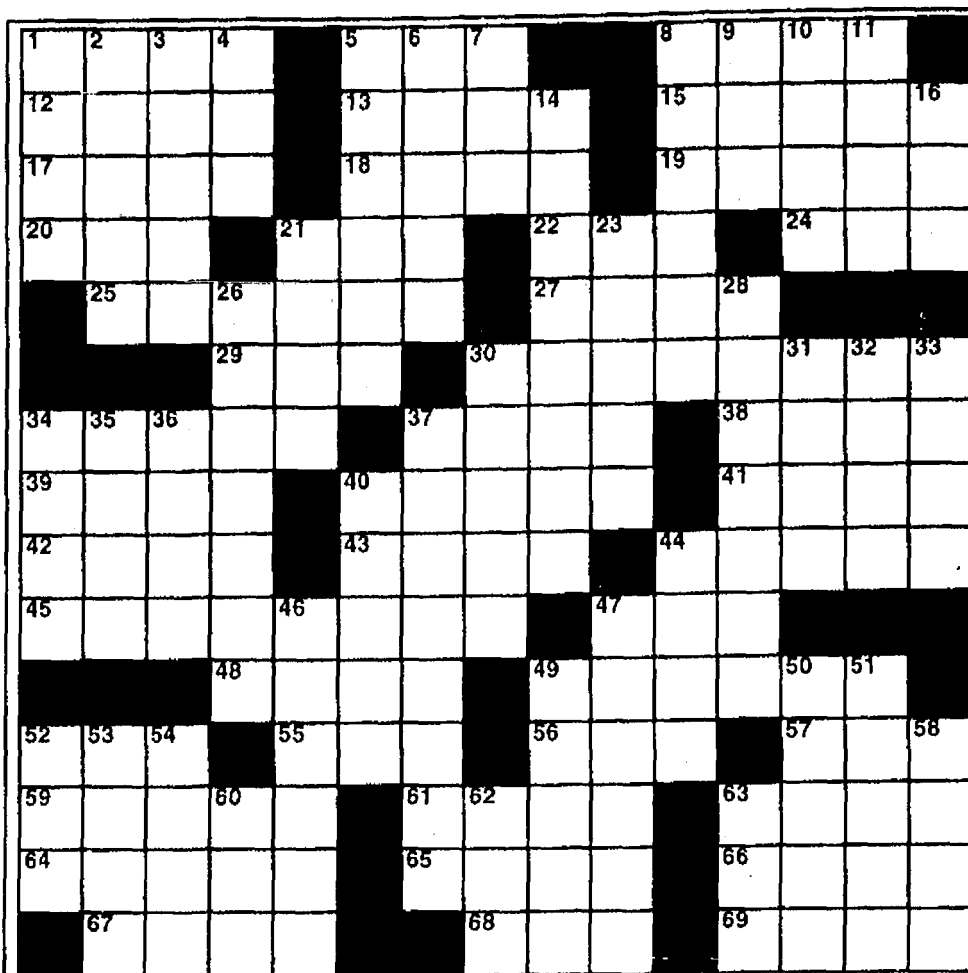
Hugo Schreiber left last week on a visit to friends in Lansing and his brother-in-law at Jackson. Hugo's youngest daughter, Rose, is also tarrying with friends in Chicago.

Roscommon High School boys came up last week to do up our High School basketball team. They are nice boys, but can't play ball, so our boys let them off to the tune of 31-8 for the first lesson.

The midnight passenger train on the Michigan Central railroad was delayed Friday night about 11 hours, several coaches leaving the tracks while crossing over a switch between Warren and Utica, which delayed traffic on the Detroit division.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the month ending February 25, were Anna Brown, Chester LaBeef, Anna Fischer, Clara Nelson, Margaret Joseph, Hattie Kraus, A. J. Pearsall, Floyd McLean, Magnus Hanson, Fedora Tetu, Stanley Insley, Rose Voorhees, Marion Shreck, Mable Nelson, Ingrid Jorgenson, Emma Peterson, Helen Winslow, George Nelson, Effie Bennett, Marguerite Burgess, Lyle Abbott and Edith Hunter.

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- Freight boat
- Parent Teacher Association: abbr.
- Reminded
- Large burrowing rodent of S. and C. America
- Aboriginal race
- Advanced Sonar Data Indication Commission: abbr.
- News
- Restrain or constrain
- Civil rights group
- After B
- Soviet Socialist Republic: abbr.
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Japanese ornamental tree with fragrant white or pink blossoms and small yellow fruit
- Small bone of the inner ear
- Freudian selfs
- Vacation: shortened form
- 13th-century holy wars
- Insert mark
- Foundation
- Murres
- Paul Bunyan's pets
- "Who ____ to cross my path?"
- Frock
- The scum formed by oxidation at the surface of molten metals
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid: abbr.
- A confusion of voices and other sounds

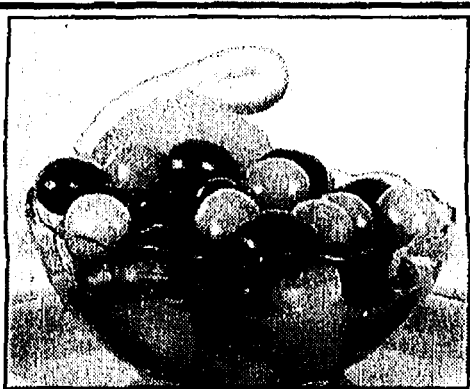
- Peacefulness; calmness
- The "teeth" on rotating gears (sing.)
- Sound unit
- Stroke
- After Fri.
- ____ and Peace
- A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- Sound of understanding
- A citizen of Iran
- Icelandic poems
- Outer garments
- Concerns
- "Gosh ____ it!"
- Small deer of Japan with slightly forked antlers
- Sweet edible fruit with a single large woody seed
- The cry made by sheep
- Door handle

DOWN

- Specification: shortened form
- Restaurants
- Group of eight
- No longer is
- Astronomy unit
- Rankings
- Black tropical American cuckoo
- Poem divisions
- United States of America: abbr.
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made into balls
- Andrew ____ Clay, comedian
- Where submarines travel
- Consumer Product Index: abbr.

- Small light, usually between couples
- A chill or fit of shivering
- Takes vengeance on behalf of
- Highly seasoned minced meat stuffed in casings
- A person who works with a carnival
- Uninteresting
- Irish Republic
- Take a trip on a boat
- An Indian unit of length having different values in different localities
- A shaft on which a wheel rotates
- Back side
- Bargained; traded
- Yugoslavian River
- Cold wind
- Not at all
- Copa ____
- Arthropod genus
- Absorption unit
- A stiff, cylindrical military dress hat with a metal plate in front, a short visor and a plume
- Meaning intentionally misspelled or misswritten, used after a printed word or phrase
- Rumanian city
- Scarlett's home
- As fast as can be done: abbr.
- Used to capture birds, fish, butterflies, etc.
- To apply with short, poking strokes
- Request

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| 1/4 | teaspoon ginger |
| 1/4 | teaspoon almond or vanilla extract |
| 2 | tablespoons honey |
| 4 | cups Chilean seedless grapes |
| 4 | orange slices for garnish |

In a small saucepan stir together the orange juice, sugar, cinnamon, and ginger. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer over medium heat for about 10-12 minutes until the mixture is reduced by one third. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. When cooled, stir in extract and honey. Pour over grapes and chill. Serve grapes and sauce garnished with an orange slice. Makes 4 servings. Preparation Time-15 minutes

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2/21	37	23	5	Low 2	Low 7	Low 11	Low 14	Low 14
2/22	24	3	5	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Light Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
2/23	31	1	5					
2/24	37	0	4					
2/25	45	32	4					
2/26	37	22	4					

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 28th

CAPRICORN December 22-January 19 Let what is in the past stay there—concentrate on the here and now. Encourage others to go for their dreams and set a positive example. Look inside yourself for the answer to a puzzling dilemma.	ARIES March 21-April 19 Things are looking up and you're in a strong position at home and elsewhere. Focus on your goals and what needs to be done, but remember to take time for yourself, too.	CANCER June 22-July 22 Someone you consider an ally may really be working behind the scenes against you. Make sure of your facts before making a move. It's time to consider a major purchase.	LIBRA September 23-October 22 Someone in authority has your best interest at heart. It's time to seek balance in your life. A situation from the past returns—you'll know what to do and when to do it.
AQUARIUS January 20-February 18 Take a lower profile and work more behind the scenes to get things done. Others may take credit now, but you'll come out ahead in the long run. Keep a health resolution.	TAURUS April 20-May 20 Stepping away from the limelight helps recharge your batteries. Let others take the lead and spend some quiet time by yourself. Someone you admire returns the feeling.	LEO July 23-August 22 Travel could be in the cards for you. Be open to new situations and accept people as they are. Some quiet time with friends and family could be on the agenda.	SCORPIO October 23-November 21 Someone you see blocking your plans actually has your best interest in mind. Follow their advice and take a new look at things. A special date needs to be remembered.
PISCES February 19-March 20 Be aware of what's going on around you. You may face opposition from unexpected places. Seize the opportunity when it becomes clear. Watch your budget.	GEMINI May 21-June 21 Recognize a friend who has been with you through thick and thin. Letting them know how much you appreciate them lifts them at a crucial time. Examine budget issues.	VIRGO August 23-September 22 It's time for family to be your main focus. An unusual idea surfaces—don't be too quick to dismiss it. Keep resolutions concerning diet, health and exercise.	SAGITTARIUS November 22-December 21 You'll get up to speed on the road to success. Reveal your true feelings and discuss differences with someone close to you.

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2. Mortgage given by Delmar E. Gasser and Tina M. Avery dated July 11, 1996 and recorded on July 16, 1996 in Liber 414 on pages 498 through 501 of the Crawford County Records.

No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy and 61/100 (\$48,870.61) Dollars.

The Mortgages will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on April 3, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgages, including interest at the rate of 7.25% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagor before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgages as:

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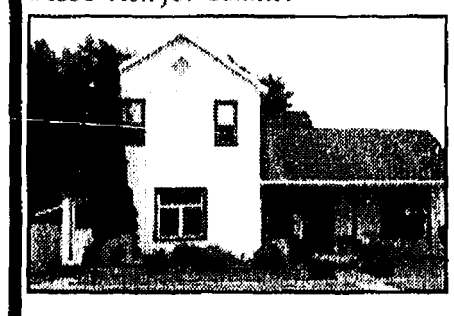
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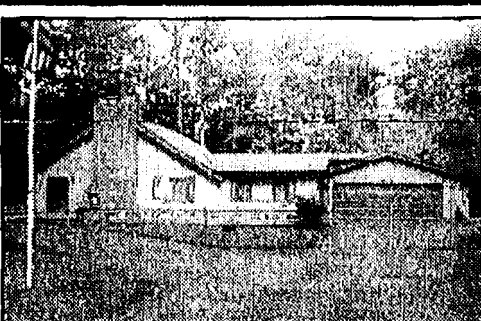
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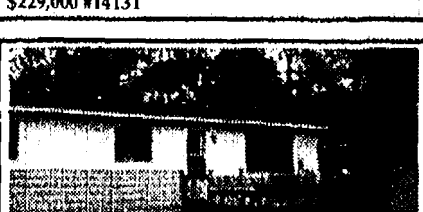
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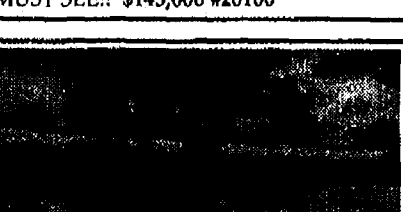
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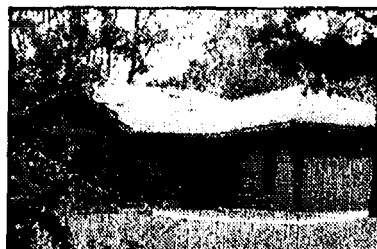
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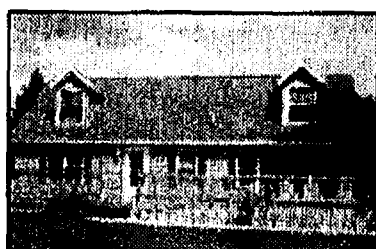
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9. Personals

I, SHARON E. WAKELEY, am no longer responsible for any debts incurred by Timothy Lee Wakeley as of February 14, 2002. (-28/9)

8. Announcements

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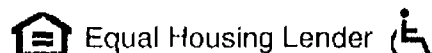
January 1, 2002, new HUD regulations went into effect requiring contractors and sub-contractors be certified to properly handle lead paint when making home improvements in homes that are funded with Federal funds. This includes all projects over \$5,000 funded with Grant money through the Crawford County Housing Commission. The near future may also require all contractors be trained for lead paint before doing any home improvement.

To prepare you for these new regulations a class is being offered for all interested contractors and sub-contractors to learn "safe" handling of lead paint in residential homes. This is the only class to be offered at no cost to the contractor.

- Class Date: Friday, March 8, 2002
- Class Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Place: Courthouse Annex Building (CRAF)
Center Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
112 S. Fourth Street, Roscommon
- Cost: Free

Attending this class is mandatory if you work on homes for the Housing Commission and may soon be mandatory for all home repairs. Knowledge of the regulations will allow you to work safely for the residents, yourself and for your families. Please plan to attend.

For more information and to register for the class, please contact the Crawford County Housing Commission at (989) 348-3513.



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10. Garage Sales

SALE - SATURDAY, MARCH 2. Dishes, glassware, old radios, birdcage, drying rack, old dresser with beveled mirror, stitching work basket and cook books, lots more. 535 E North Down River Rd. 8 to 2, no early sales. (-28/10)

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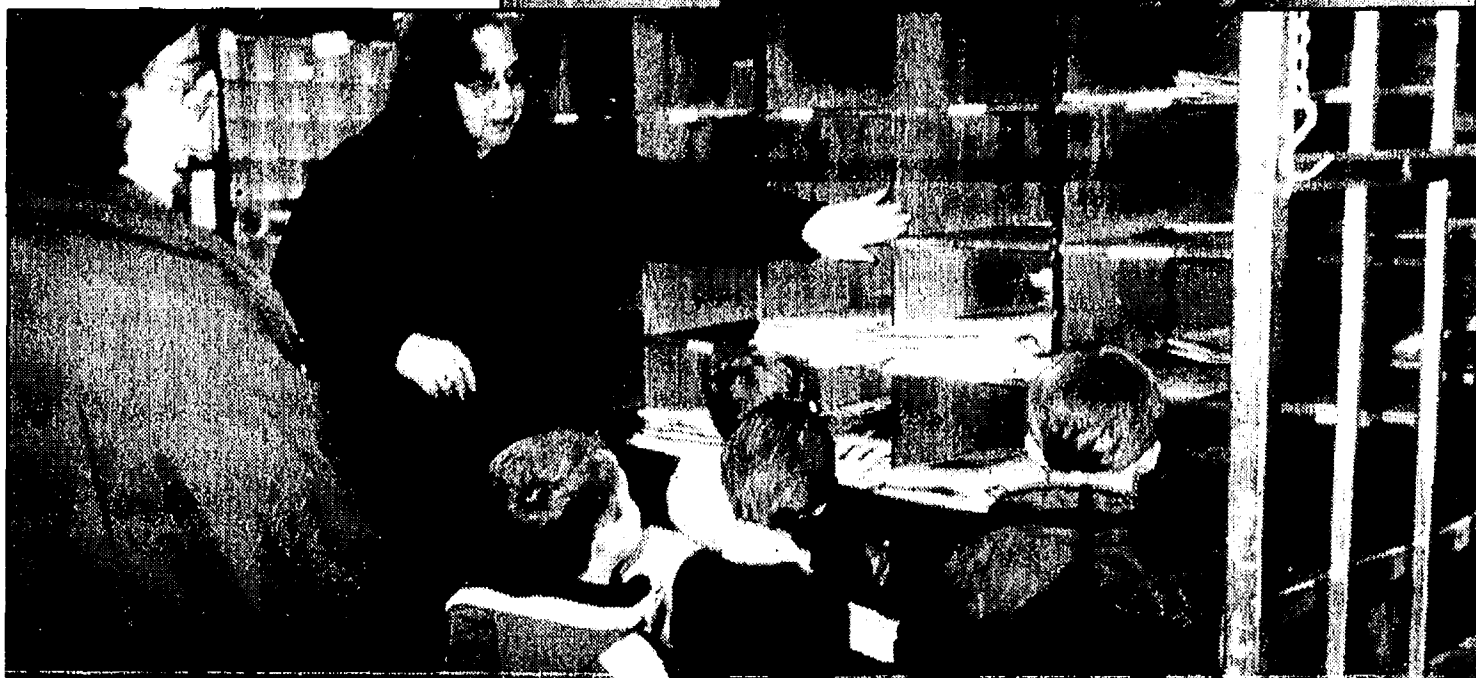
Youngsters ski, sled, visit post office



In January, Grayling Cooperative Preschool students had a chance to get out and enjoy the winter weather. The four-year olds went cross country skiing (above) on the trails behind the Grayling Holiday Inn and the three-year olds (right) went sledding at Hanson Hills.

On February 6, four-year old students visited the Grayling Post Office where they purchased their own stamps and mailed Valentines to their parents. The postmistress gave them a tour of the facility and they saw how mail is sorted and how the carriers organize their routes. Each child received a coloring book, sticker and lollipop before heading back to school.

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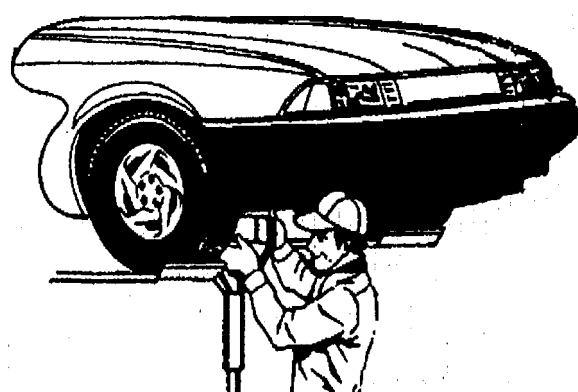
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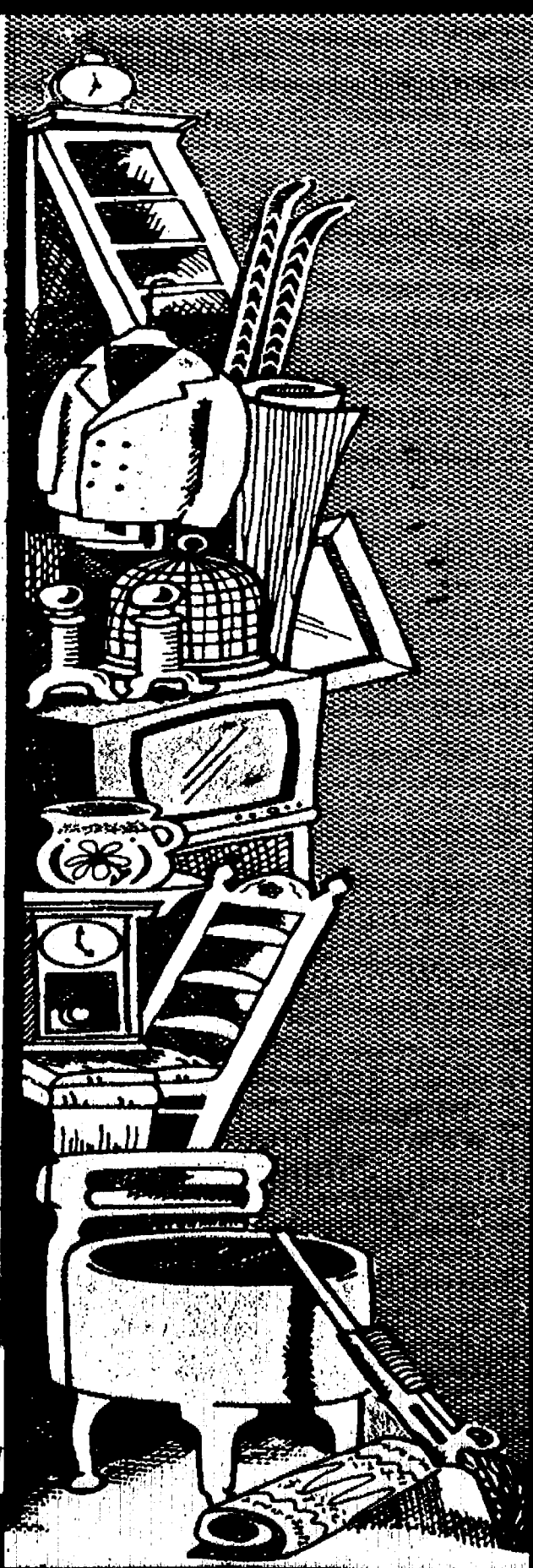
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-Post Office Opens in 1937 With Much Fanfare-



Mayor George Burke speaks at the post office corner-stone laying. (Pgs. 10-11)

-Canoe Carnival... good, old fashion fun



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-Grayling's First Crime Lab-



Lt. Robert J. Ruddy, crime lab co-founder (Pg. 12)

Canoe Carnivals were good, old fashion fun



Grayling's first annual canoe carnival took place Sunday, August 14, 1932. In all, 102 boats shoved off and traveled the 50 mile route on the tree lined AuSable River. (Photo by Darwin C. Smith, engravings courtesy of the Bay City Times.)

Submitted by Fay Bovee

Grayling's citizens made their own entertainment during the days following the Great Depression. They had a beautiful natural resource in

the clear and sparkling AuSable River and used it to their advantage when they conceived the idea of a Canoe Carnival.

This event is not to be con-

fused with the Canoe Marathon as it was not a test of endurance but a social affair and an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the river. The idea conceived first in 1932,

was held that year, also in 1934, 1936, 1937 and 1938.

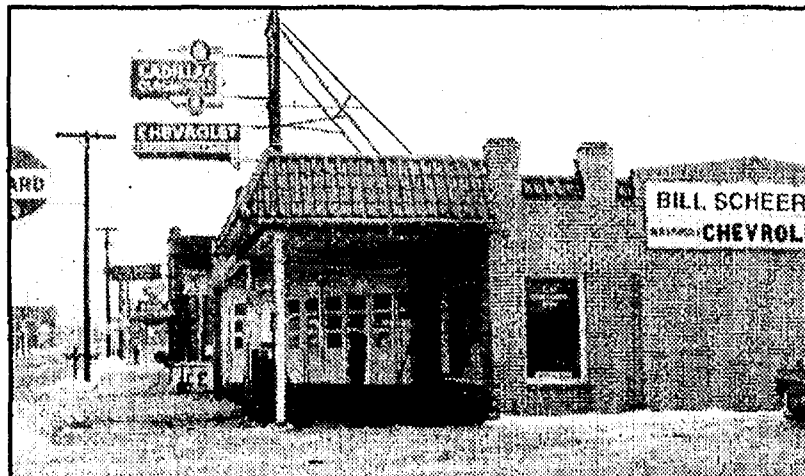
Headline in the August 11, 1932, *Avalanche* was "Registrations Exceed Early

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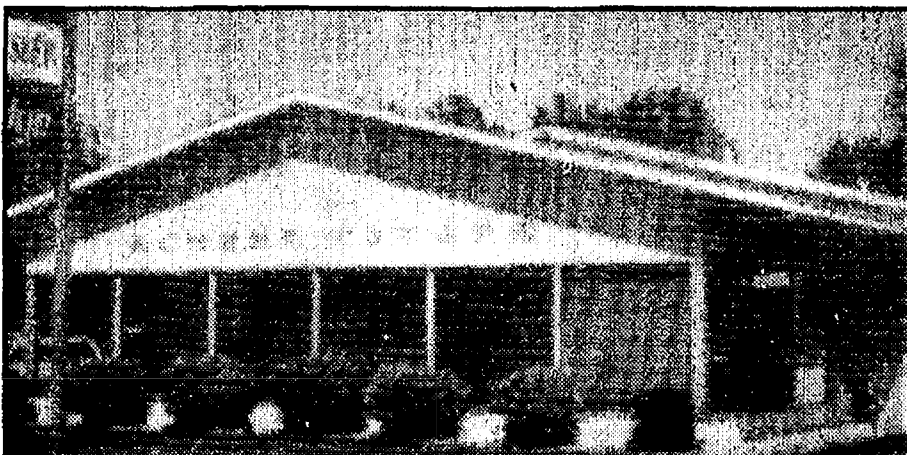
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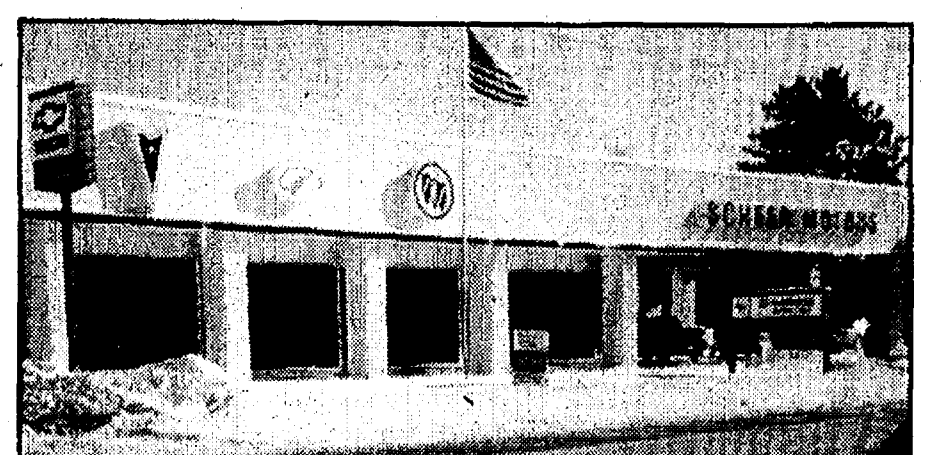
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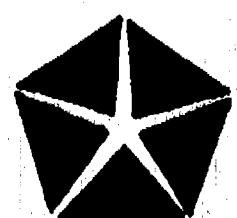
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Plans, More Boats Needed, Event Meets Popular Favor." According to the article, "The boaters will start from the U.S. 27 bridge at 9:00 o'clock and at noon or about 1:30 they will tie up at Stephan's bridge for lunch. The Stephan families already have many guests who have made appointment for lunch that day, while others will have basket lunches. During the noon hour the Grayling Band will be at Stephans bridge and render a concert for the pleasure of the guests."

"Re-entering the canoes following lunch, the party will go as far as Durham's bridge where cars will be waiting to bring the guests back to Grayling. This will be about 9:00 p.m."

"Harold McNeven is general chairman .. Clarence Johnson will be in charge of the registrations; Frank Tetu and George VanPatten will look after the cars; Sheriff Bobenmoyer,



Choosing a river boat as their means of traversing the clear, cool waters of the AuSable River, this foursome approaches a small group of spectators waiting to greet them.

Frank May and Phil Quigley will take care of the traffic; Stanley Madsen will take care of the loading of the canoes and Francis Brady as riverman will see that they safely beach

their boats at the journey's end."

"Fifty drivers are needed for cars at loading dock. Register at Hanson Hardware."

"Peter F. Jorgenson super-

vised the building of the new 32-foot dock at the U.S. 27 bridge, and also the cleaning of the river at this point. He was

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THEATRE



Grayling Opera House in 1911

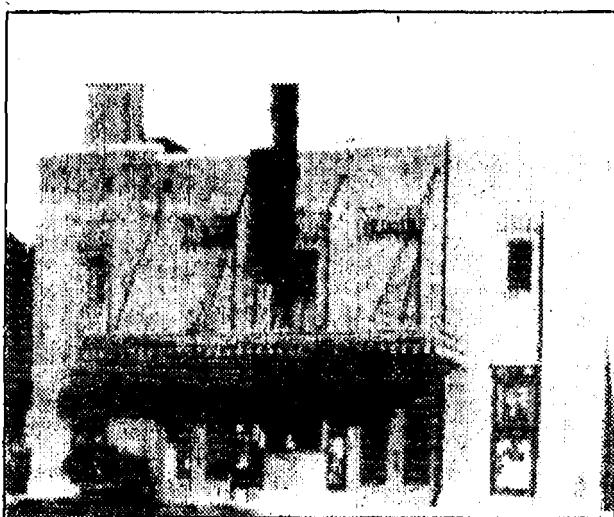
Originally known as the Grayling Opera House, the Rialto theatre was founded in 1911 by George N. Olson. Olson was manager of the facility that featured live shows and a few silent movies until May 1915, when he purchased the business and operated the theatre through the 1920's showing silent films, accompanied on the piano by his wife, until sound or "talkies" were introduced in 1929.

The fire that destroyed the original structure in April 1930 (also housing the Masonic Temple) took place during a full house performance. Olson was the only one injured, suffering burns when he tried to reach the projectionist who had already escaped through a window. A little more than four months later, the Rialto reopened.

In the mid 1950's, Olson's daughter, Georgiana, and her husband, Thomas Stancil, took over ownership and management of the Rialto until 1982 when it was purchased by their son George and his wife, Marilyn.

At present the Rialto is owned by Geoffrey Bichler of Winter Park, FL. Mr. Bichler is a nephew of the founder. This historic theatre's day to day operation is carried out by Arnold Stancil, the founder's oldest grandson.

Recently improvements have been made including a new screen, new aisle & exit lighting, new carpeting, a new concession stand. Unfortunately, the prices



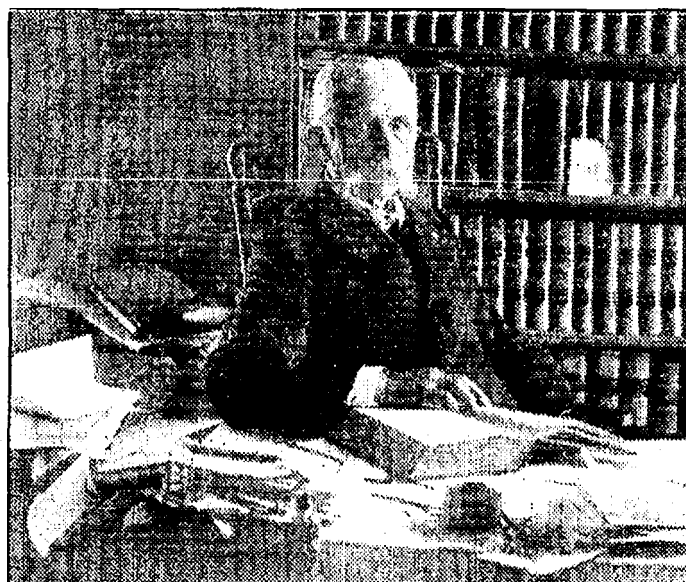
Rialto Theatre rebuilt and reopened in July 1930; new marquee installed in 1940

have increased "just a tad" from the 1920's but, let there be NO DOUBT, this Grayling landmark is still northern Michigan's best bargain for affordable family entertainment.

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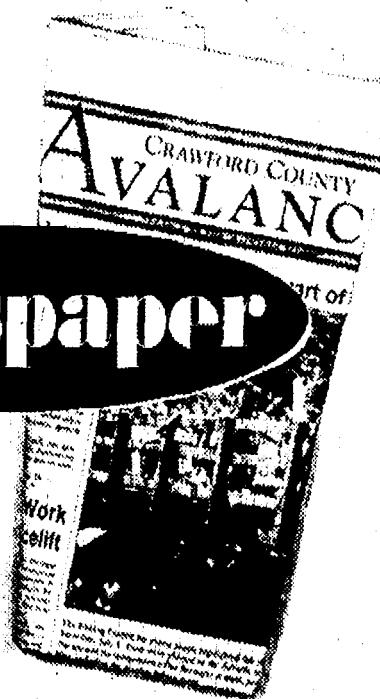
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ably assisted in the work by Frank Serven, Chris Hoesli, Sailor Huddleston, Reggie Sheehy and Henry LaGrow."

The event must have been so spectacular that three-quarters of the front page of the August 18, 1932, *Avalanche* was canoe carnival news with more on another page.

According to Philip Rich, managing editor of the *Midland Republican*, and author of the famous 'Old Woodsman' column in that paper, "It was a wonderful trip and I enjoyed every minute of it, and thank everyone..." Rich's guide was Dan Stephan, veteran Grayling guide. Rich writes that "Dan Stephan knows all there is to know about the AuSable, what there is in it and above it, how and when to catch it, Oscar P. Schumann, Grayling editor, had told us."

Rich continues, "We were swept by the current down past the East Branch where the fish hatchery located, on to



A group of canoe carnival participants, which included an infant, gets a little help from by-standers shoving off. Carnival goers came from all age groups, walks of life and from all over Michigan and surrounding states. (Photo first published August 18, 1932.)

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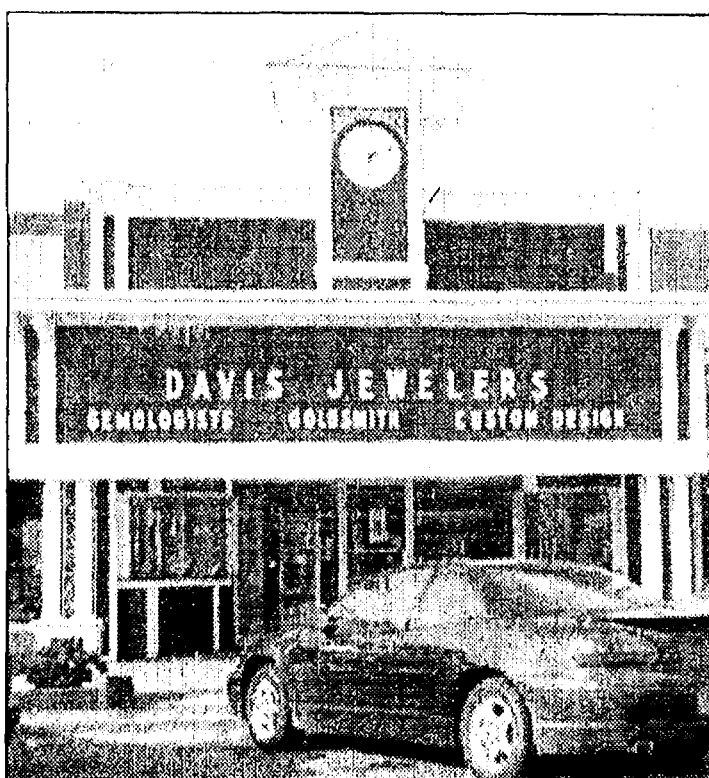
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Many boat riders added even more fun and relaxation to their day on the AuSable River by stopping at Stephan's landing to enjoy lunch and lively conversation with fellow sailors. (Photo by Darwin C. Smith)

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Beaver Island, Mud Creek with its gnarly old pine standing sentinel, past the Murray lodge to the 'pullover' where some dragged their boats 15 rods, to Cole's bridge where the body of Dr. Chesterfield was found in the water recently after a heart attack. Wa-Wa-Sum passed in review. It was at Stephan's bridge and cabins that most of the party had lunch and listened to the Grayling Band. Below here was one of the largest of the old

rollway camps."

"Our party was not yet inclined to eat and so we swept on down to what Dan called 'Nigger Creek,' a boisterous rill tumbling out of the hills. At the Whippoorwill lodge we stopped long enough to see the artificial trout ponds, then on again through 'Hell's Gate,' past Wakeley bridge. Dan pointed out two places along the stream where old Chief Shoppenagons had his lodge.

"Finally we grounded at Jordan's island (now known as Mecca island) at the mouth of

the North Branch, where the late Cady Durham, Buick Motor Co. head, has his magnificent summer lodge. Here a great many had supper."

A complete list of the occupants of the 102 canoes, river boats, skiffs and dugouts was listed in the paper. Besides Grayling people, they came from Saginaw, Ada, Grand Rapids, Waters, Bay City, Hudson, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Pullman, Marlette, Midland, Ionia, Standish, West Branch, Lake Leelanau and Iowa, Ohio, and Illinois.

The second canoe carnival to be held was in 1934 with activities starting with Friday night when the firemen held a water battle. The majority of the front page of the August 16, 1934, *Avalanche* was canoe carnival news with some carried over for another week. On Saturday there was a street parade with the American Legion Post leading the procession which consisted of the following floats: Masons; Shoppenagons Inn; Gaylord Band; Gaylord apple

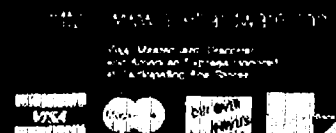
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and potato float; Gaylord hunting and recreation; Kerry & Hanson Flooring Company; Emil Niederer Ice and Coal; State Conservation; Grayling Laundry; Connine's Grocery; Michigan state highway truck; Alfred Hanson Garage; Peet's Tastimeats; AuSable Dairy; Chevrolet autos; Ogemaw county; 'Susan' the pet fawn of the H. B. Smiths at Camp Ginger Quill; Grayling Band with Teddy Bill Cody, age 8, leading it with his baton; Henderson Beverage Co; Grayling Bakery, Rialto Theatre advertising Will Rogers in 'Handy Andy'; CCC camps; George Burke Oil Co.; Spike's Beer Garden with the garden orchestra, rendering dance and rhythm music.

In 1934, there were baseball games on Friday and Saturday between Gaylord and CCC camp No. 672 and Grayling and another CCC camp. On Saturday night at the courthouse yard, there were eight



Grayling Izaak Walton League members Royal A. Wright (president), Ernest Borchers (general chairman of the canoe carnival), Jack Redhead, Frank Madsen and Chris Hoesli gathered up and repaired a number of canoes for the 1934 Canoe Carnival to ensure enough vessels for the event.

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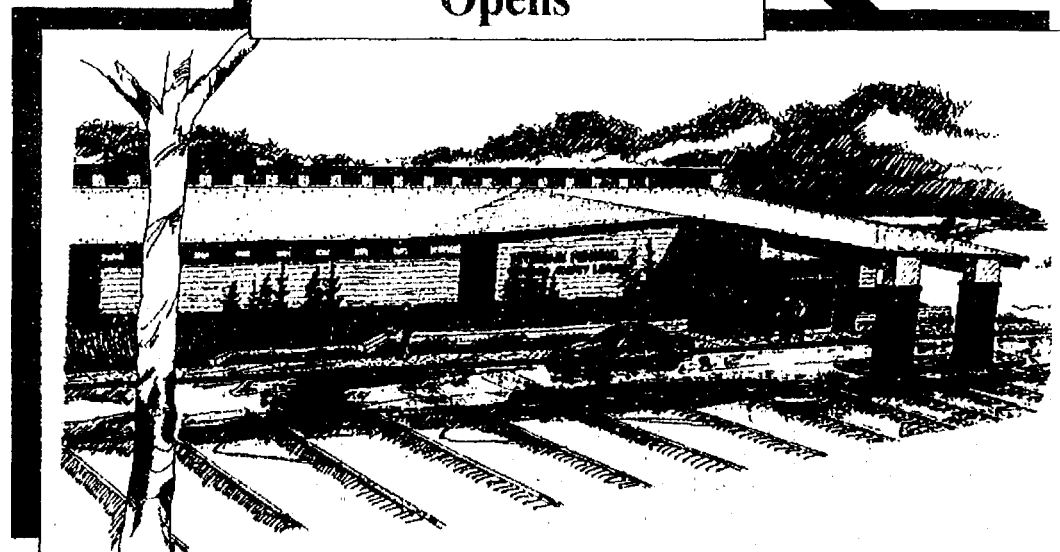
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three-round boxing bouts between young men from the CCC camps. Again, the actual canoe carnival started on Sunday morning.

Members of the press who are mentioned in the 1934 paper are Mr. Ed Drier of Grand Rapids and Chicago, photographer and managing editor of *Outdoor* magazine, and S.L.A. Marshall, feature editor of the *Detroit News* who had motion picture cameras and claim that they got some fine pictures. Jack Redhead guided Drier and Ben Wright, publicity writer for the Eastern Michigan Tourist Association while Ernest Borchers was the guide for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sitta, of Detroit, the former the western representative for the Block newspapers, published in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis and 20 other large cities.

The 1937 canoe carnival, according to the *Bay City Times* "was crowded into two days. Saturday forenoon the first

voyagers started out and stopped at noon for a brief rest and a picnic lunch at Burton Landing. Resuming their journeys the boats landed at Tom Wells' known in former years as the Wakeley landing. Here some remained over to enjoy Tom's chicken dinners.

"Cars were on hand to transport the people back to Grayling where in the evening a program of water sports was staged. Only a few spills were reported. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Russell and Farnum Matson, it is claimed capsized in a spot where the water was just deep enough so that they could stand up straight and sip a drink of cool water.

"Saturday night a program of water sports was staged at the city park. A fly casting contest was split in two classes, accuracy and distance, and the Stephan family proved their prowess in both classes. John Stephan won first place in accuracy, with Norval Stephan carrying off second prize. Lacey won the long distance casting event." Clare Madsen

defeated three others in the 200 yard log riding contest, propelling his tricky craft in ahead of the others. In the canoe tilting contest Madsen didn't fare so well teamed up with young Jack Redhead. Their canoe was sunk twice by Jerry Barger and Mike Gibbons.

"The feature event of the evening, however, and one which kept the huge crowd roaring with humorous acknowledgement of its difficulties, was the grease pole walking contest. About 12 young boys attempted to slide, skip or walk out to the end of a 15-foot pole greased with lard. At the end was a ticket which entitled him who picked it off to a \$5 prize. After several futile attempts, Raymond Andrews, 13, obtained the ticket in a desperate snatch before plunging into the water.

"Among the distinguished guests present at the carnival was Mayor Daniel A. Knaggs, of Monroe, famous because of the record he made in handling the steel strike in his city last month. Saturday evening he

officialled in the coronation of queen Elaine McDonnell, at the queen's ball in the Grayling gymnasium. The following morning Mayor Knaggs was a guest at a breakfast given in his honor by some of the citizens of Grayling. This was held at Shoppenagons Inn. During the breakfast Mayor Knaggs discussed the strike and explained the measures taken by him during the dispute. After breakfast he was met by Queen Elaine at the river dock and together, with Royal Wright as guide, set off in a canoe for the down-river trip." An interesting comment in another article about Mayor Knaggs was that his great-grandfather, James Knaggs, an American scout, is credited with the capture of the Indian chief, Tecumseh.

"Many flattering remarks were made about Grayling American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps when they headed the parade from the city park Saturday night and marched to the school house. Those boys certainly do make a fine

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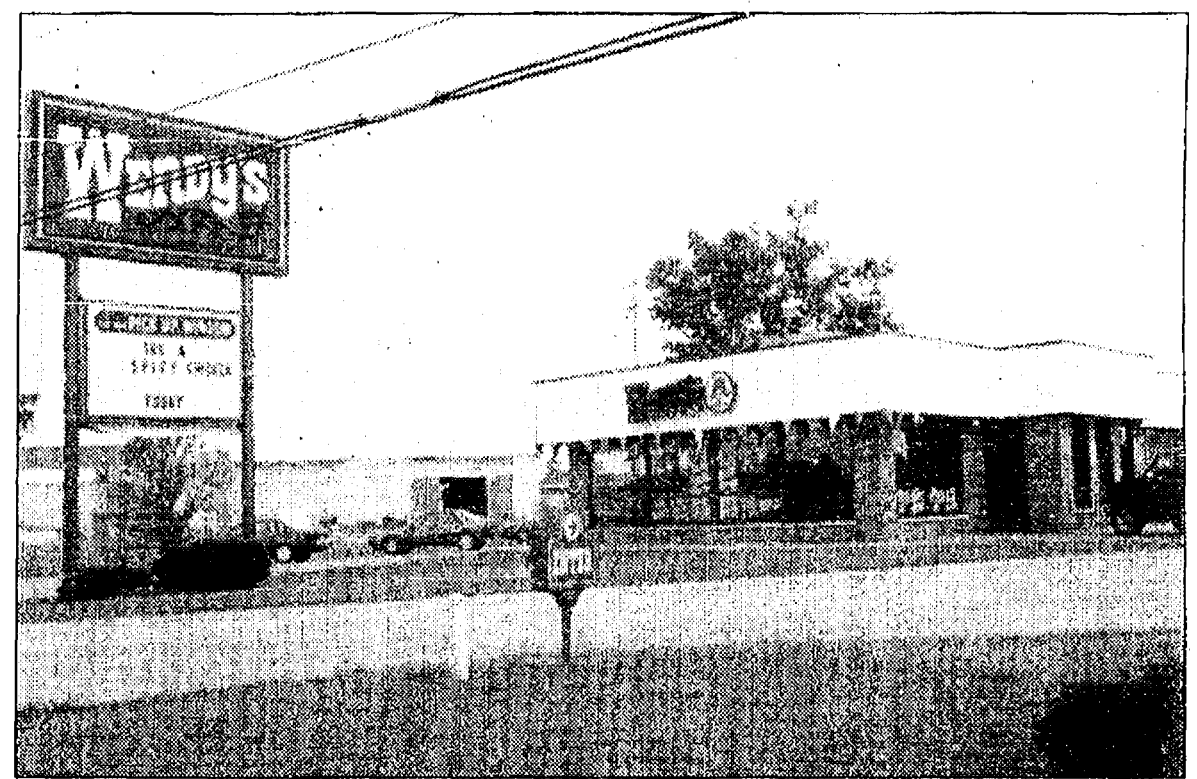
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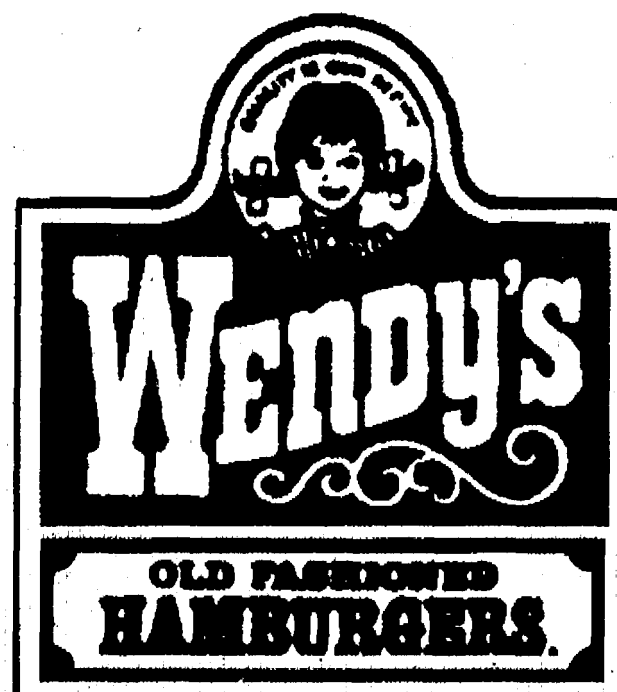
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appearance and also their music is just as good. In the procession was the official car bearing the queen to the coronation."

In the official report of the 1937 carnival, Royal Wright thanked other Grayling people for their help, Axel Peterson and Charles Moore who supervised transportation, to Gail clise for floodlights at the park, St. Mary's Altar society for lunch at Burton's and to Mayor George Burke for furnishing the Queen's car.

By 1938 it sounded as though interest in the carnival had dropped as the August 18, 1938, *Avalanche* reported that there were "only about 25 canoes on the trip, this was a large drop off from a former occasion, when 110 canoes shoved off from the river dock near the Waterworks park bridge."

"Apparently some felt that the charge of \$3 per passenger was more than they cared to pay. This was for the use of a canoe with expert guide and

lunch at noon. The committee paid the guides for their services and canoe \$6.50 each with tree passengers in a canoe, this left a balance of \$2.50 for paying for the lunch, the advertising and the many other expenses and was hardly enough to pay the actual costs of the committee. The \$3 charge was a very reasonable one, when one considers the grand experience one has in such a river trip, from Grayling to the Wakeley bridge..."

Events held in 1938 during Saturday and Sunday were

Miss Elaine McDonnell, a 20-year old Central State Teachers' College co-ed, reigned over the 1934 Canoe Carnival as "Queen of the AuSable." The Bay City Times said, "She qualifies for the honor not only because of her pulchritude, but also through her ability as a canoeist. Miss McDonnell is an expert with the tricky craft."

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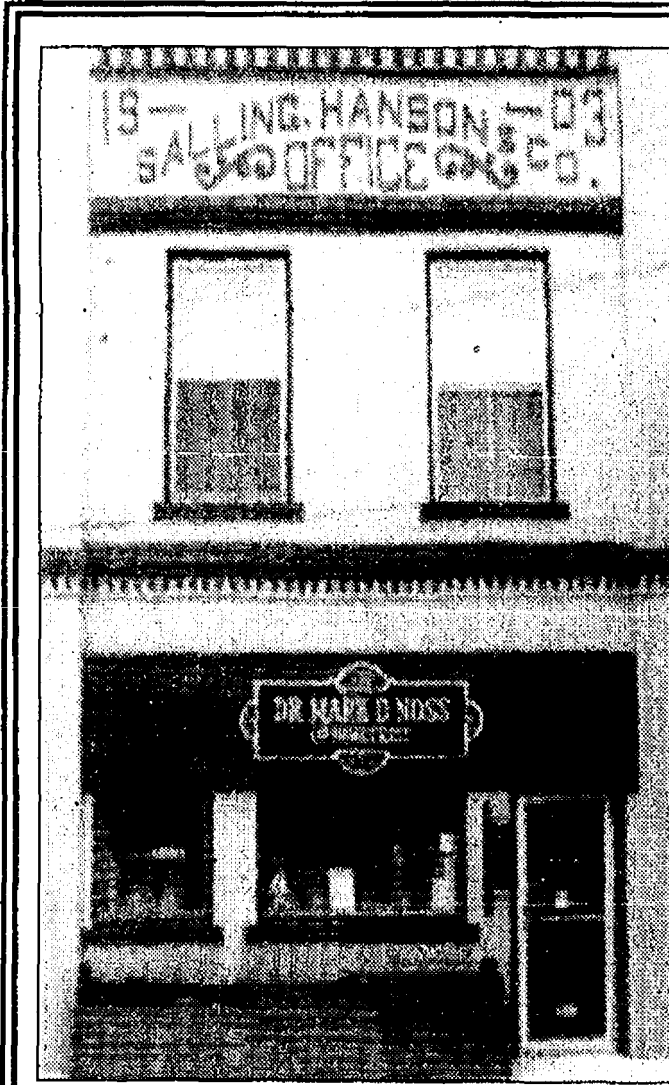
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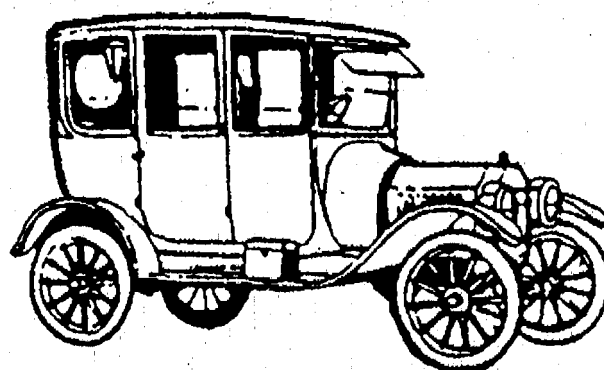
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water contests during the afternoon and attended by 400 people in the park. Other contest staged were greased pole walking, won by James Hebb, of Beckley, West Virginia, the log riding contest won by Muriel Andrews of Roscommon, the fly casting contests, first place in accuracy won by Ernie Borchers and first place in distance by Ralph Redhead, both of Grayling. The canoe tilting event was won by Jack Redhead Jr.

On Saturday evening about 500 turned out to view the boxing bouts, under the direction of the A.A.U. sponsored by the Izaak Walton League. Twelve bouts were staged with boxers from CCC camps, Camp AuSable, Camp Eldorado, Camp Luzerne, and Camp Houghton Lake, and others from Rose City, Cheboygan, and Grayling.

Editor's Note: The idea for this article came about when Elaine McDonnell Holmgren of Saginaw sent us many articles from scrap-books kept by her husband, the late



Mayor Daniel Knaggs, of Monroe strike fame, and the Queen of the AuSable, Miss Elaine McDonnell, start down the river ably propelled by the paddling of Royal A. Wright at the stern. Knaggs was the honored guest at the 1934 Canoe Carnival.

Paul Holmgren. Besides the canoe carnival there were articles about the Post Office dedication and various other pictures. She was the

daughter of James McDonnell, be found in some albums at the who was instrumental in the Crawford County Historical building of the present Post Office. Museum.. All of her material will eventually



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Mercy's home care initiative started as two companies, Amicare Home Health Services and Amicare Home Health Resources, both incorporated in the fall of 1985.

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Post office building to celebrate 65th year of service



Post Office photos courtesy of Elaine McDonnell Holmgren

Shown are the staff members of the Grayling Post Office when the new building opened in 1937. Front, from left: Victor Parsons, Robert (Bud) Sorenson, Jim Kernosky, Jerome Kessler, Bill McLeod, Ebon File; middle row, from left: Howard Bunker, Jim Baker; back row, from left: Postmaster James McDonnell, Wilson Gierke, Carl Doroh, Wes Hayes. They had the opportunity to work in a brand new facility with state of the art facility. The total project cost \$70,000.

A compilation from many sources, including the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche and a commemorative booklet from the dedication of the Post Office Building dated November 11, 1937.

Until 1883, Grayling was not considered important enough for a Post Office of its own. However, in that year Grayling was recognized and a small fourth class post office was instituted.

The wheels of activity began turning and it was not long before the post office classification of third class was reached, then to a second class rat-

ing. The continued maintenance of the second class classification through the years bespeaks the growth of the town and the development of its industrial activities and the many recreational resources.

"The earliest post office still remembered by a number of citizens was in a building on the site of the present *Crawford Avalanche* building... " the dedication booklet states (about one block east of today's location), "followed by its removal to a location on the site of Emil Kraus' store.

Subsequently, it was removed to a room in the present Sorenson & Son furniture store, thence in a later year it was established on the site of the present Burrows Meat Market. Since 1900, the post office has been located in the Bates' building.

"The first postmaster was William A. Masters, who served from July 5, 1883 to September 20, 1885. He was followed in order by J. Maurice Finn, one year; Fannie M. Finn, three years; Joseph M. Jones, five years; William O. Braden,

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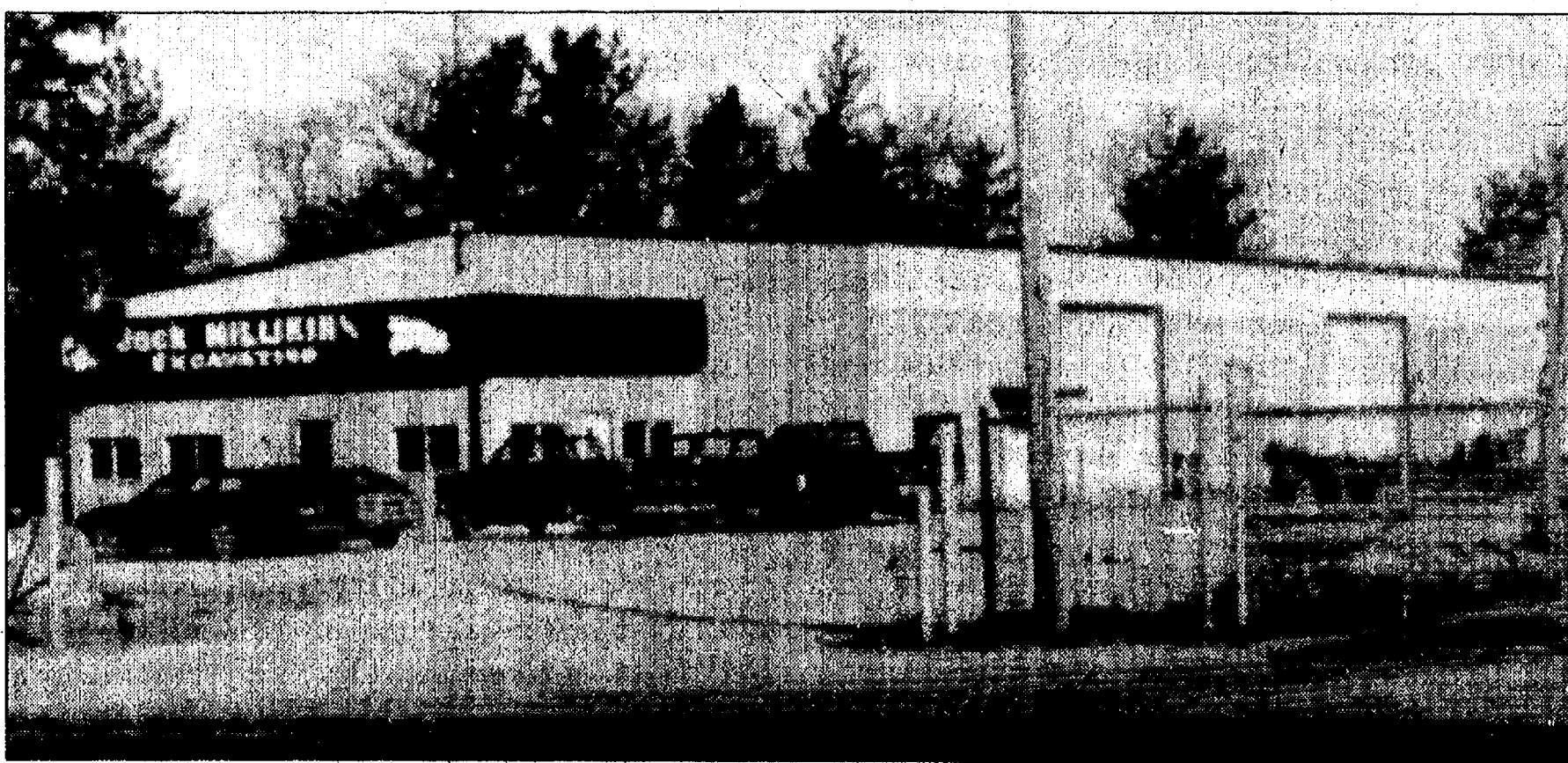
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four years; Melvin A. Bates, 16 years; John F. Humm, three years; Melvin A. Bates, one-half year; Holger F. Peterson, six and one-half years; Melvin A. Bates, 11 years; and James McDonnell."

The new post office was built at the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Peninsular on land purchased from Mrs. Marie Olson, Mrs. Anna McCullough, and Nicholas Schjotz. Construction began July 5, 1937 on a budget of \$70,000 and included all costs of the project: equipment, furnishings, design and supervision. The \$70,000 was an allotment appropriated under the Emergency Public Building Funds, authorized by Congress in 1936.

Service hours at the new post office" Lobby Service open daily from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Window Service open daily, except Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The dedication of the new post office took place on November 11, 1937 at 3 p.m. and was covered in the *Avalanche*, in part, as follows:

Headline: "Large Crowd Attends Corner-stone Laying" -- There was a large crowd of interested people out Tuesday evening to attend the ceremonies in conjunction with the laying of the corner-stone of Grayling's beautiful new post office building.

At the appointed hour those taking part in the program stood at the entrance of the edifice, with the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps on the street in front participating, R.A. Wright presiding.

T.W. Hanson was the chairman for the occasion. Rev. Edgar Flory gave the invocation following which Mayor George Burke welcomed the assemblage and among other things said that the erection of this building meant another great milestone in the life of this community.

Mrs. C. G. Clippert and her choir, with the

crowd joining in, sang "America." Chairman Hanson in turn called on Mr. H. Roy Whittaker, construction engineer for the U.S. Treasury department, and T. N. Bogardus, superintendent for the James I. Barnes Construction Co. of Culver, Ind., each who spoke a few kind words on behalf of Grayling people and the new building.

Postmaster James McDonnell was next called upon and he told how he and his clerks, Farnum Matson, Carl Doroh, and Jerome Kessler, had gone about it to ask the Post Office department for a new building and the work of looking up and compiling records, which were necessary at the time application was made. He publicly thanked them for their efforts. One of the big things that, he said, helped to get the new building was the fact that the Hanson State military reservation was located here.

Rev. Edgar Flory, in a few well chosen words enthusiastically told what he believed the new building meant to the community. Mr. Hanson then gave a short resume of times during the early logging and lumbering days saying that the Village was incorporated 40 years ago. He said much progress had been made since then and Grayling had made much advancement.

Chairman Hanson invited those in charge to proceed with the corner-stone laying and Mayor Burke had the honor of placing the copper box containing historical papers and letters into the niche. Contents included items from: Hon. James A. Farley, Senator Prentiss M. Brown, Representative Roy O. Woodruff, City of Grayling officials, Mayor George Burke, County Clerk Axel M. Peterson, Register of Deeds, Ronnow Hanson, County Treasurer William Ferguson, Sheriff Frank Bennett, Representative Frank P. Buza, Rev. James H. Moloney, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, Jennie Ingley, Elizabeth M. Bates, Post Office employees,

American Legion Post No. 106 and Drum & Bugle Corps, Winter Sports, two copies of the Crawford County Avalanche, and photos of Grayling and its civic buildings.

Carved on the face of the corner-stone:

Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
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James A. Farley
Postmaster General
Louis A. Simon
Supervising Architect
Neal A. Melick
Supervising Engineer
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The ceremony ended with the Ladies Quartette singing the "Star Spangled Banner," then the building was opened to the public for inspection.

At 7 p.m. that evening, a Dedication Banquet was held at Michelson Memorial Church, with Judge Charles E. Moore serving as Toastmaster. Music was provided by the Ladies Quartette and the Melody Makers. At 9:30 p.m., the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary hosted a Dedication Dance in the school gymnasium with music, again, by the Melody Makers.

Once the new facility was up and running, Postmaster McDonnell inquired about providing air mail service from Grayling. By May 19, 1938 that service became available, just in time to celebrate National Air Mail Week. The importance of this service became very apparent with the onset of World War II when people waited in great anticipation for a letter from overseas or letters from home.

In late August, 1939, artist Robert L. Lepper completed ten months of work on the 12' x 5' mural painting inside the post office. The mural depicts the early lumbering days of Grayling. In the lower right hand corner is a picture of Chief Shoppenagon holding a grayling fish native to the AuSable River.

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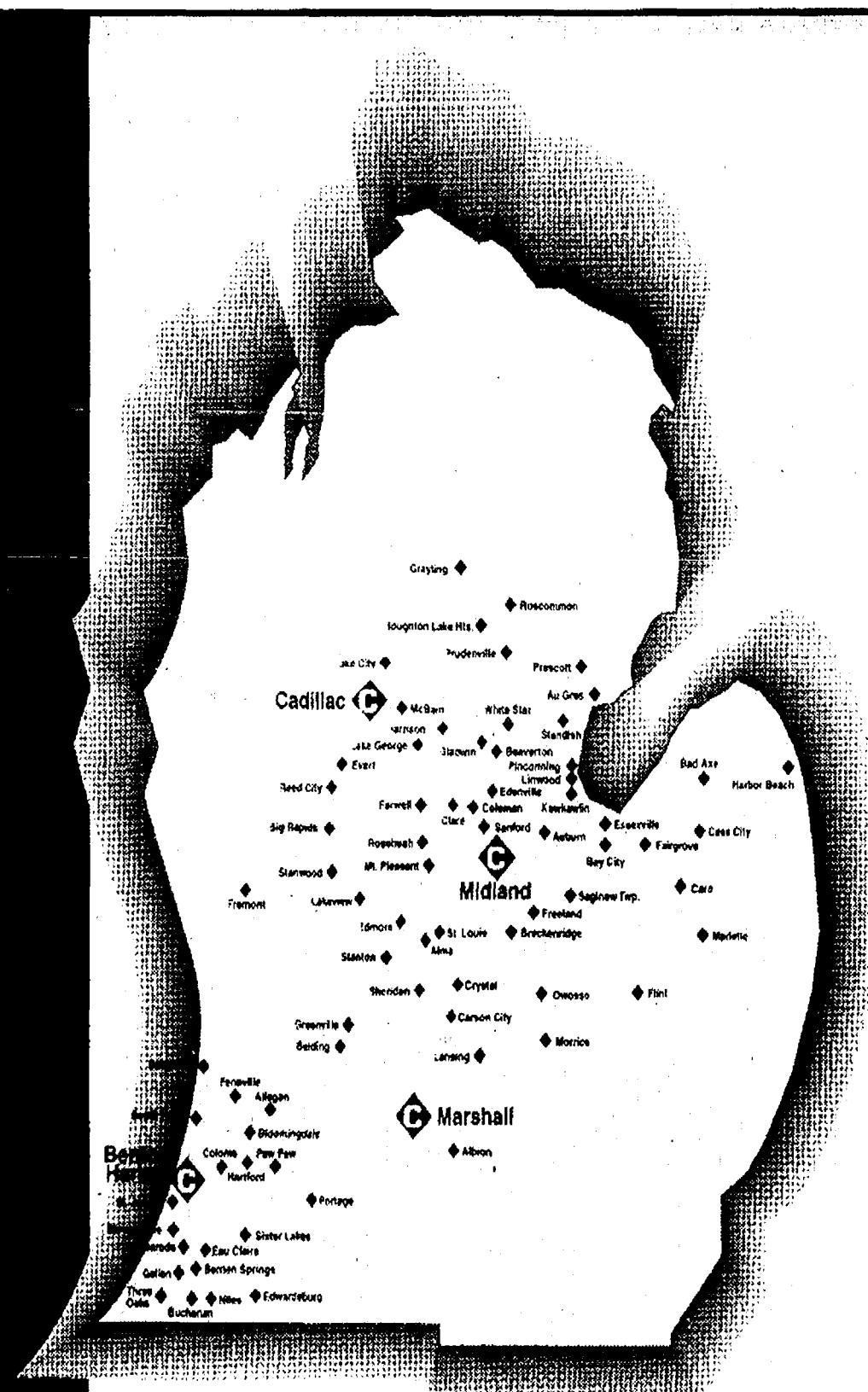
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Crime lab springs from local needs

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

In early 1970, the Grayling Forensics Lab quietly began operation at the urging of Lieutenant Robert J. Ruddy.

At that time, several local parents reported finding pills in the pockets of their children's clothes and wanted to know what they were. When Ruddy told them the samples would have to be sent to the Board of Health in Lansing, taking 10 days to two weeks to identify the pills, he decided it was time for something to be done on a local level.

Sheriff Art Clough and Grayling Police Chief Pete Stephan were also frustrated by the problems of drug identification in the county. The delay in identification meant almost all drug-related crime suspects had to be released quickly. If a substance was found not to be a controlled substance and the suspect had been detained, the department could be open for civil prosecution. Therefore, very few warrants were issued.

Ruddy and Stephan began flying samples down to Lansing to speed up the process. Ruddy, while on a tour of the drug testing lab, asked how hard it was to test for marijuana -- the most prevalent drug in the county at that time. When told the test was relatively easy, he began driving down to Lansing for training on his two days off each week. After one month, he was ready to set up testing facilities in Grayling.

There were two rooms available in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. One became the lab, the other the evidence storage room. The evidence storage room had no windows, steel walls and only one door. The only person with a key to the evidence storage room was the new full-time analyst, Carl Lugviel, who previously worked at Bear Archery.



Thirty-two years ago, Lt. Robert Ruddy works extra hours after his normal shift with the Crawford County Sheriff Department helping identify suspected drugs turned in by the parents of teens at the new crime lab.

Ruddy worked in the lab for about three hours every day after his normal shift. Between the two of them they managed to keep up with all of the

testing that needed to be done.

The lab had very little equipment to begin with -- some glassware, balances and a microscope the city had previously used for water testing. Ruddy knew which chemicals to order and the lab was in business.

As the scope of the lab increased, there was need for more equipment. The first good microscope was presented to the lab by Fire Chief Al Lang on behalf of the Frederic Fire Department. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners helped secure several grants and the lab acquired a mass spectrometer which can help identify drugs.

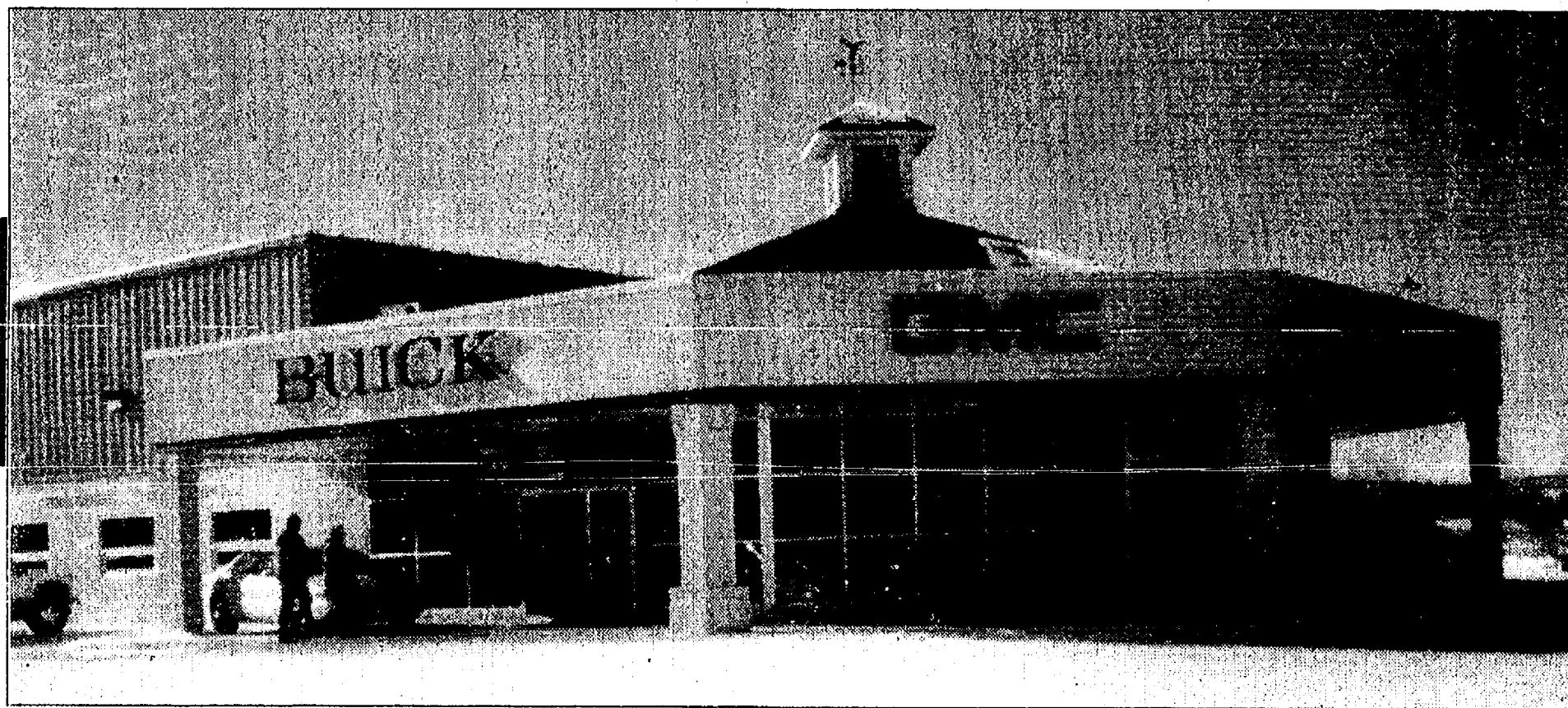
The lab services were free to any policeman who wanted testing done. The lab began working with many local and some not so local police agencies -- Kincheloe Air Force Base in Rudyard and K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Gwinn, for example. As demand increased, it became apparent the funding was falling short and the lab became a budgetary drain.

In the 70s, the Michigan State Police took over testing for controlled substances and established a chain of labs throughout the state. Gaylord was suggested as the site of a forensics lab to serve the needs of the northern lower peninsula.

However, Sheriff Hatfield talked to the State Police and an agreement was made that all of the equipment in the forensics lab in Grayling would be given to the State Police. In return, the State Police agreed not to move the lab out of Grayling.

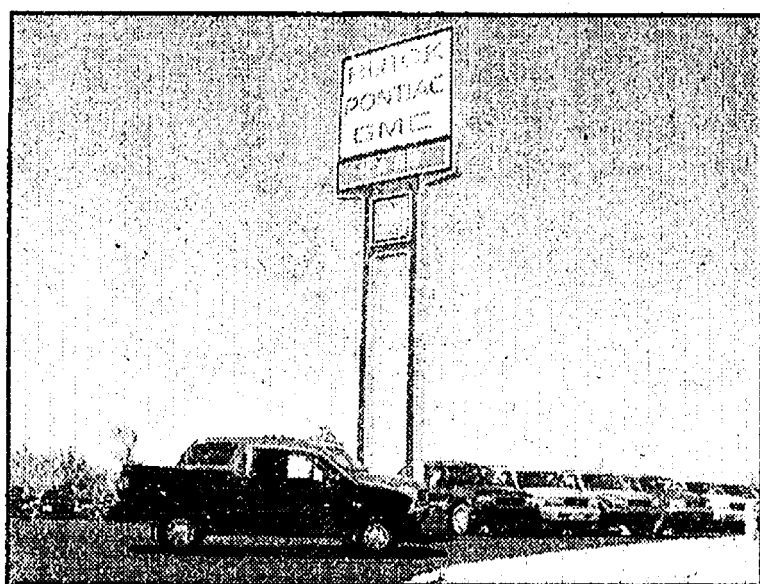
In November, 1978, State Police Lt. Robert Stacey was designated laboratory supervisor. Carl Lugviel was hired by the state police and continued his work as a drug analyst for the new lab.

Shortly after taking over, the new State Police lab was moved to its current location.



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